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SPACE FICTION ADVENTURE IN PICTURES No. 18

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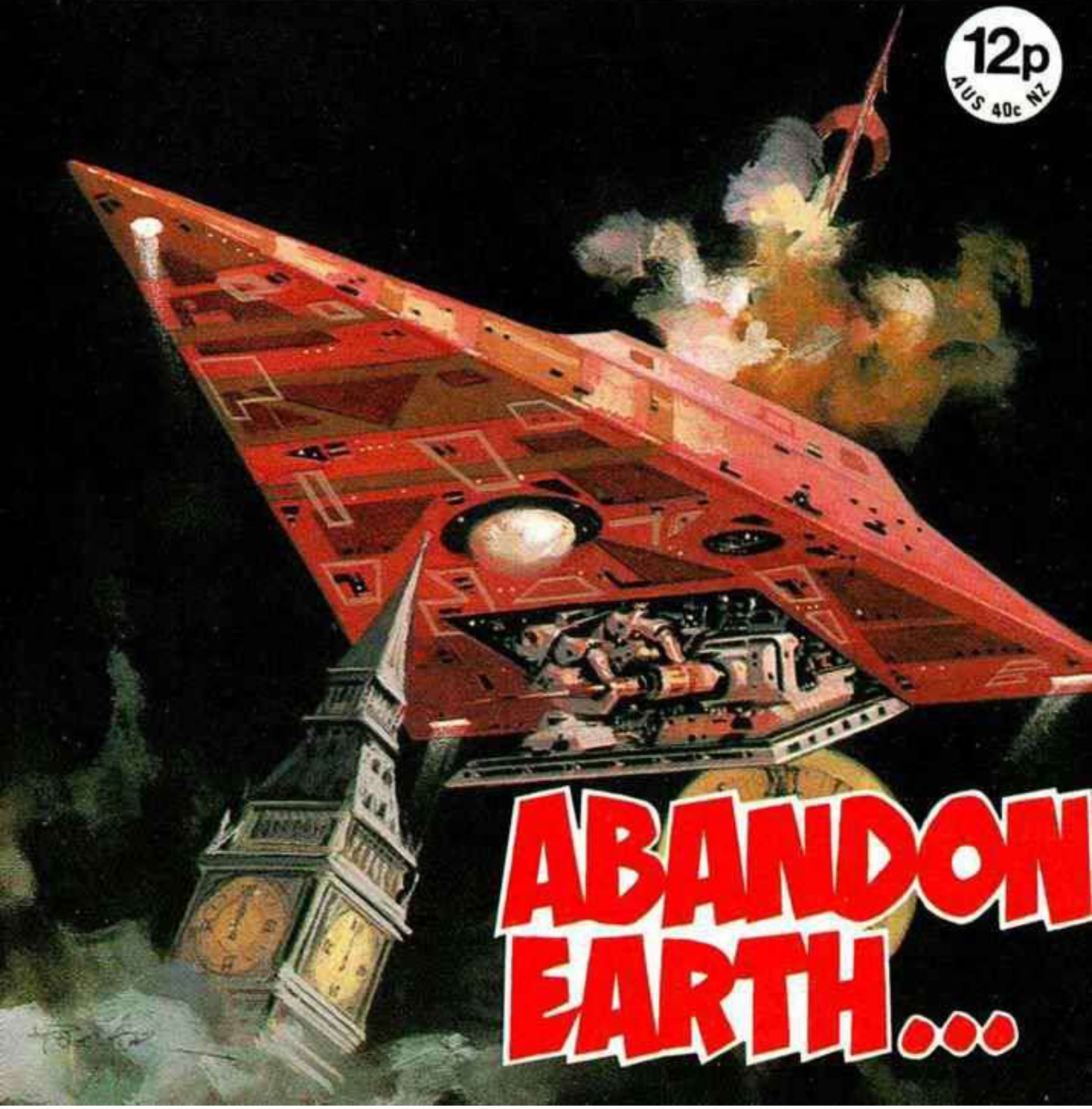
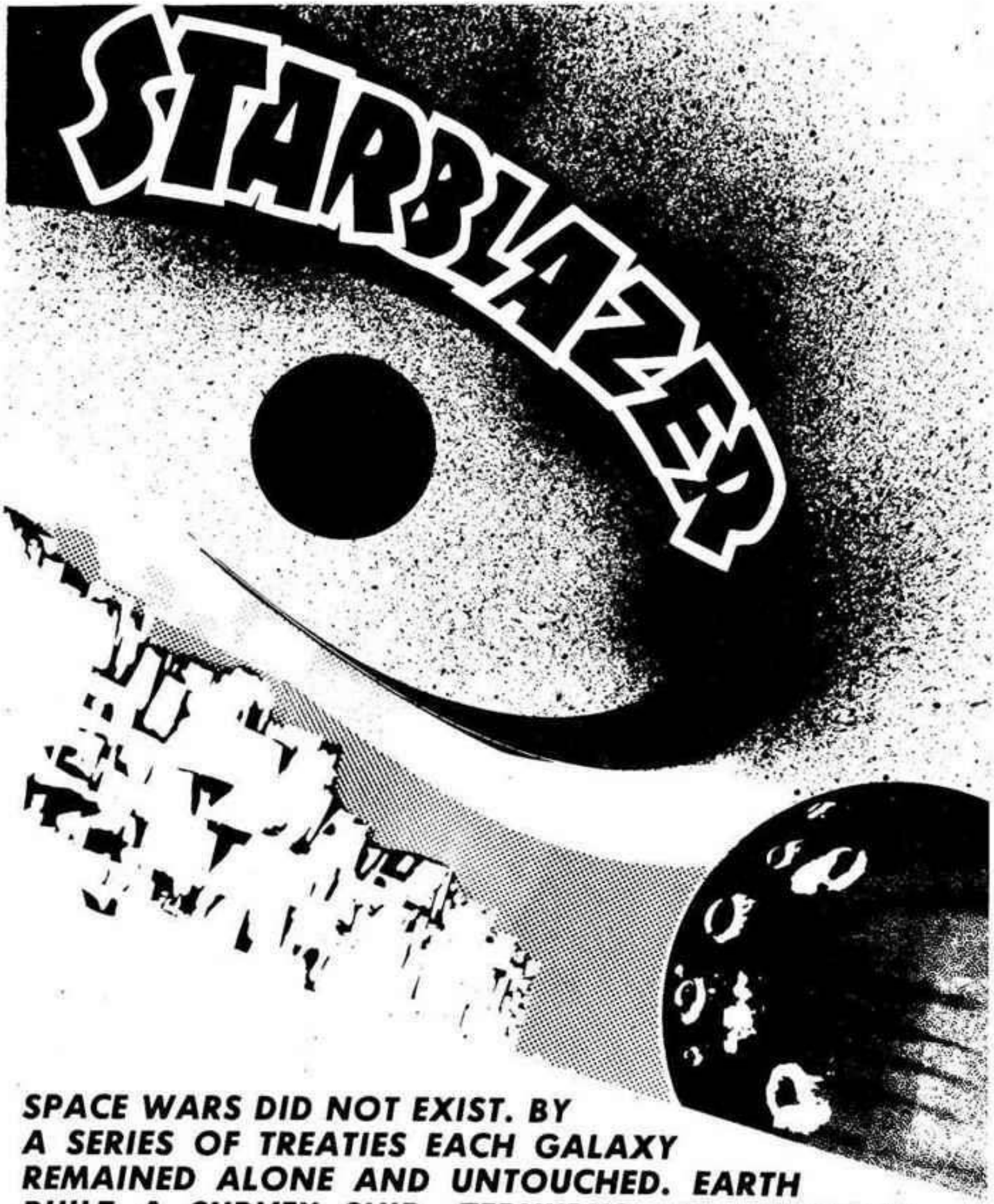


ABANDON EARTH...



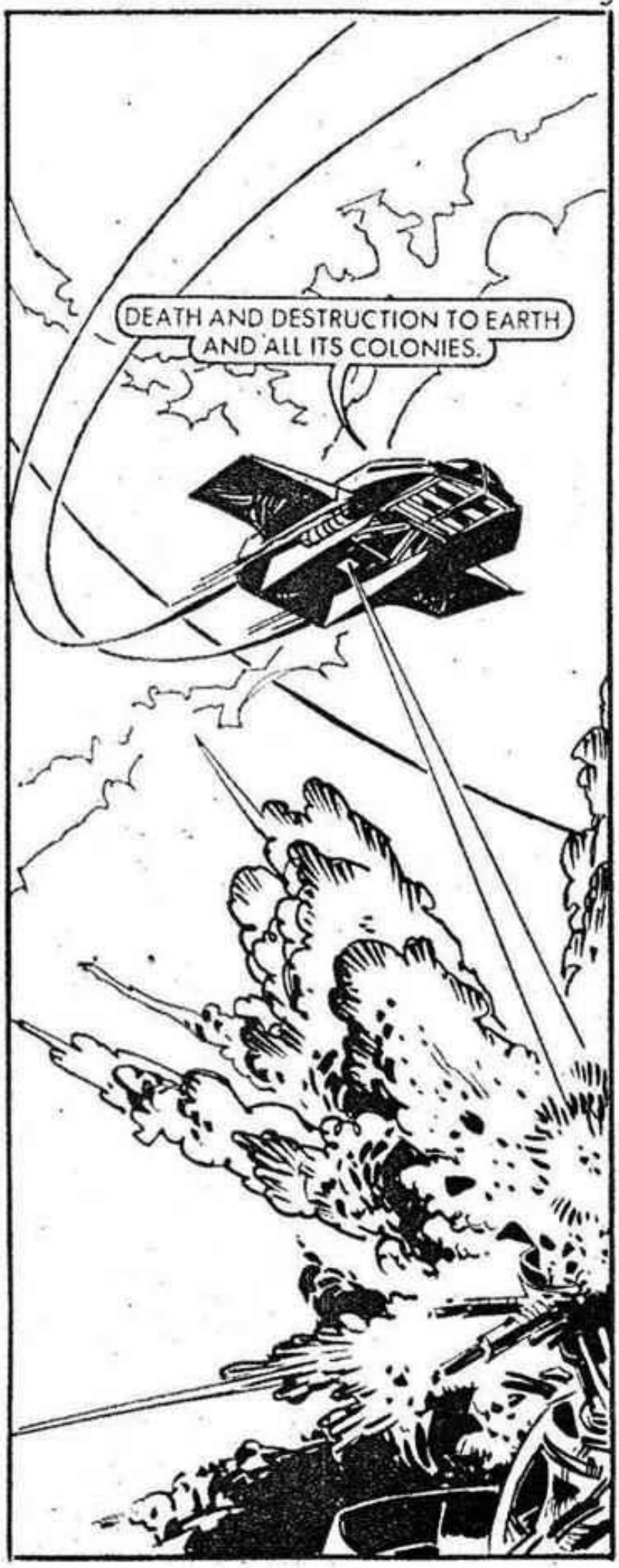
SPACE WARS DID NOT EXIST. BY A SERIES OF TREATIES EACH GALAXY REMAINED ALONE AND UNTOUCHED. EARTH BUILT A SURVEY SHIP, ZEPHYRUS, TO PROSPECT IN DEEP SPACE. IT WAS THIS SHIP THAT LED TO THE CALL—" ABANDON EARTH!"

ABANDON EARTH
THE VEMLIN FLEET, UNDER THEIR COMMANDER VARRAS, RACED TOWARDS A GUN PILLAR PROTECTING THE SOLAR SYSTEM.
THERE'S A GUN OUTPOST IN THIS SYSTEM. I HAVE THEM ON MY VISISCOPE.

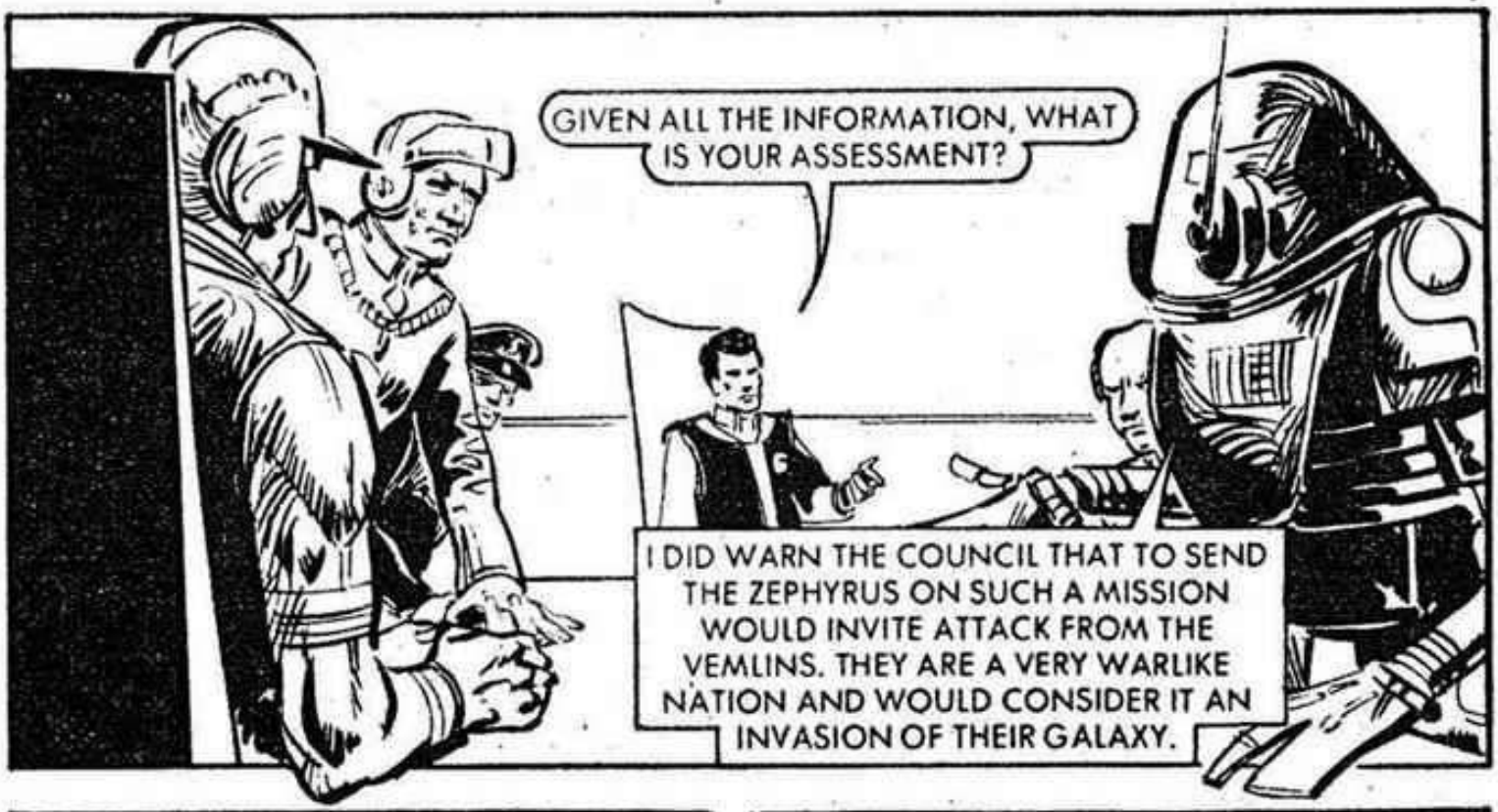
DESTROY IT!

GUNPOST NEPTUNE CALLING! VEMLIN WARCRAFT ATTACKING. . . MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

THIS IS VARRAS, COMMANDER OF THE VEMLIN FLEET. SOON THERE WILL NOT BE ONE SPECK LEFT OF THE EARTH EMPIRE.


DEATH AND DESTRUCTION TO EARTH AND ALL ITS COLONIES.

EARTH HAD PICKED UP THE VEMLIN'S MESSAGE.
WE HAVE NO WAY OF COMBATING THE VEMLIN INVASION.
EARTH SHOULD OFFER TERMS AND PREVENT WAR.
THE STARSHIP, ZEPHYRUS, CAN HELP US. IF SHE CAN BE RECALLED FROM HER DEEP SPACE EXPLORATIONS IN TIME.
CALL IN CARSTAIRS.
YOU CALLED, SIR?
THE ROBOT, CARSTAIRS, AN ANALYTICAL COMPUTER PROGRAMMED TO ASSIST THE EARTH'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ROLLED IN.

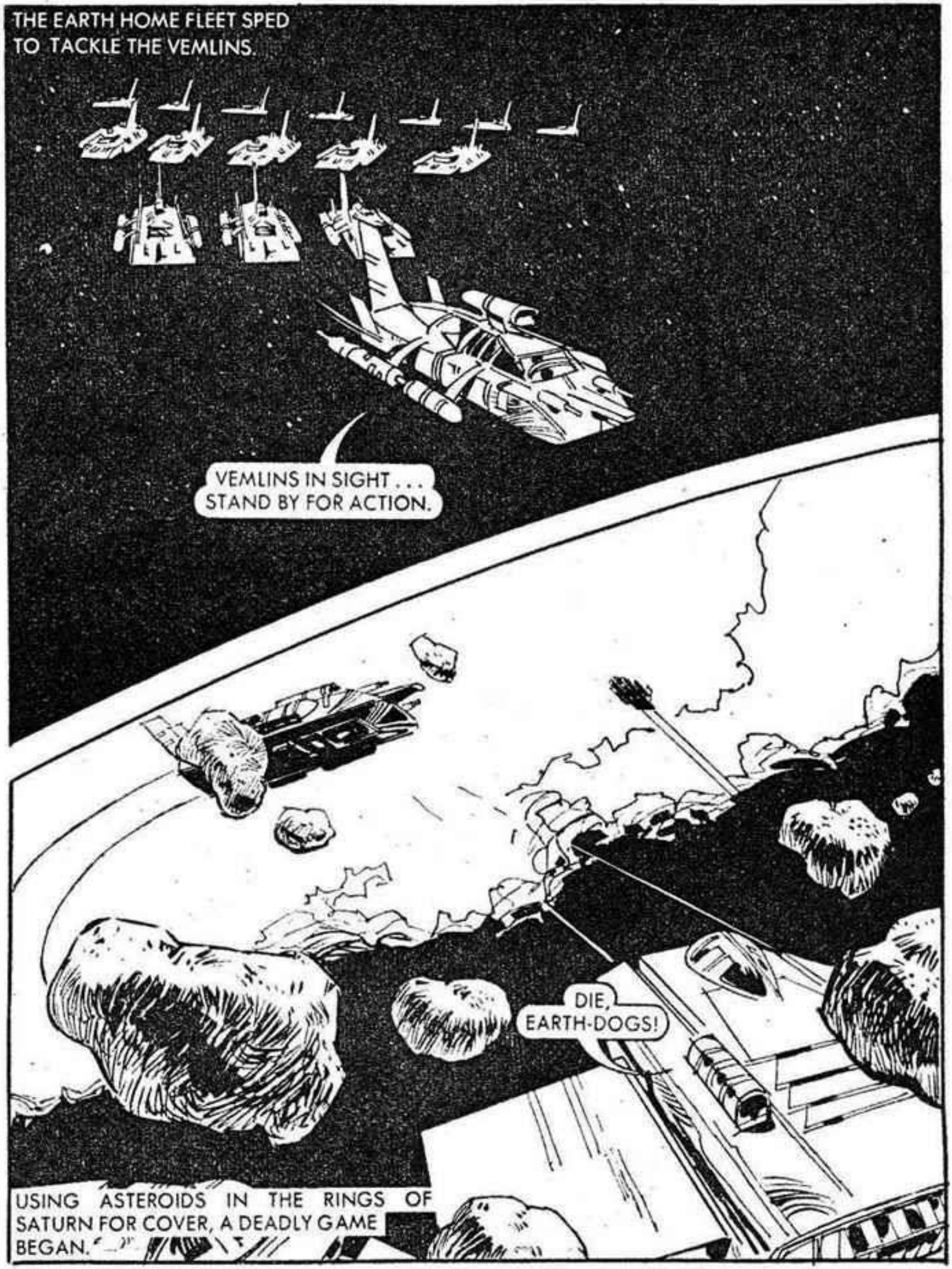

GIVEN ALL THE INFORMATION, WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT?
I DID WARN THE COUNCIL THAT TO SEND THE ZEPHYRUS ON SUCH A MISSION WOULD INVITE ATTACK FROM THE VEMLINS. THEY ARE A VERY WARLIKE NATION AND WOULD CONSIDER IT AN INVASION OF THEIR GALAXY.

YES, I RECALL . . . BUT WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?
THAT YOU RETREAT TO YOUR UNDERGROUND SURVIVAL SHELTER AND MAKE A FINAL PLEA TO THE VEMLINS.

WHAT ABOUT THE HOME FLEET? WHAT CHANCE HAS IT?
MERELY A DELAYING TACTIC, SIR. THE VEMLINS ARE FAR SUPERIOR IN EVERY RESPECT.

CAN YOU CONTACT THE ZEPHYRUS?
NO SIR! THE ZEPHYRUS IS OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF HYPERCALL. I SUGGEST YOU RETIRE TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

THE VEMLINS PREPARED FOR THEIR ATTACK.
GUNPOSTS MARS AND VENUS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. NOW ONLY EARTH REMAINS.


THE EARTH HOME FLEET SPED TO TACKLE THE VEMLINS.
VEMLINS IN SIGHT . . . STAND BY FOR ACTION.
DIE, EARTH-DOGS!
USING ASTEROIDS IN THE RINGS OF SATURN FOR COVER, A DEADLY GAME BEGAN.

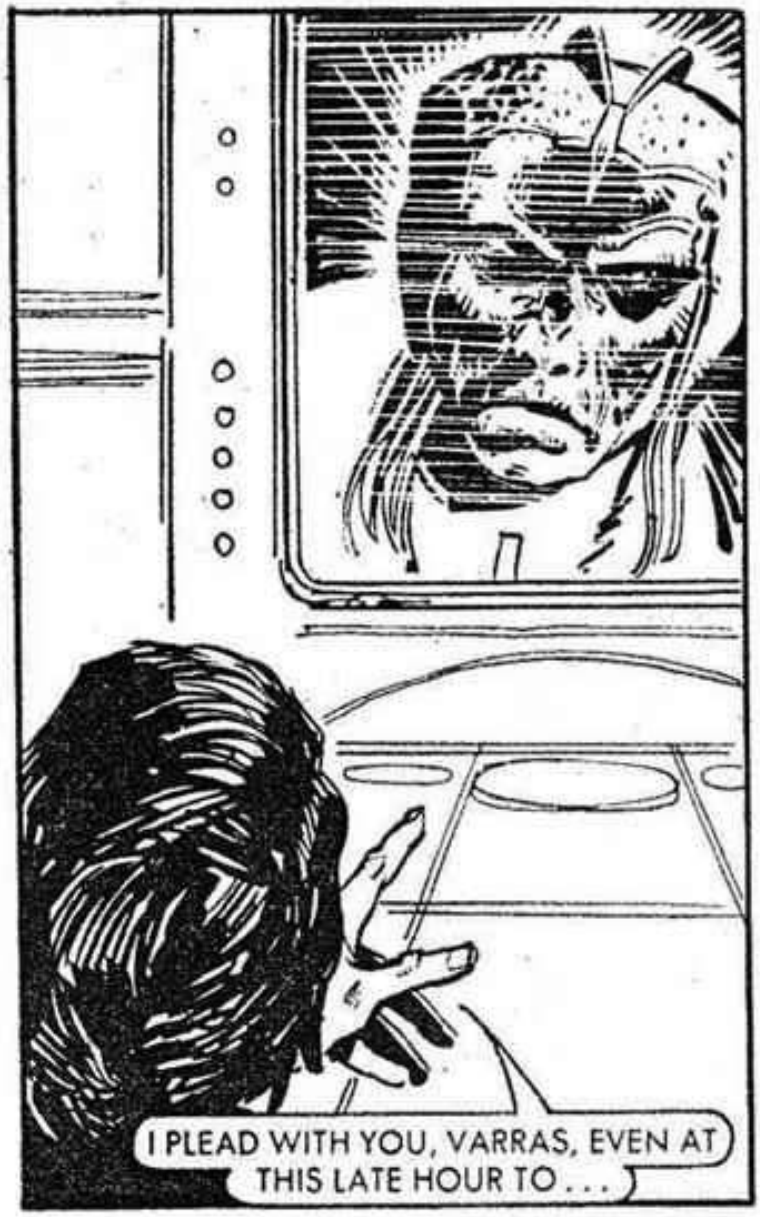
THE HOME FLEET'S LOSSES WERE HIGH.
WE'RE CRIPPLED, BUT WE HIT A VEMLIN.

THE VEMLIN SHIP WENT WHIRLING INTO SPACE.
WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL. WE'RE DIPPING INTO HYPER-DRIVE.

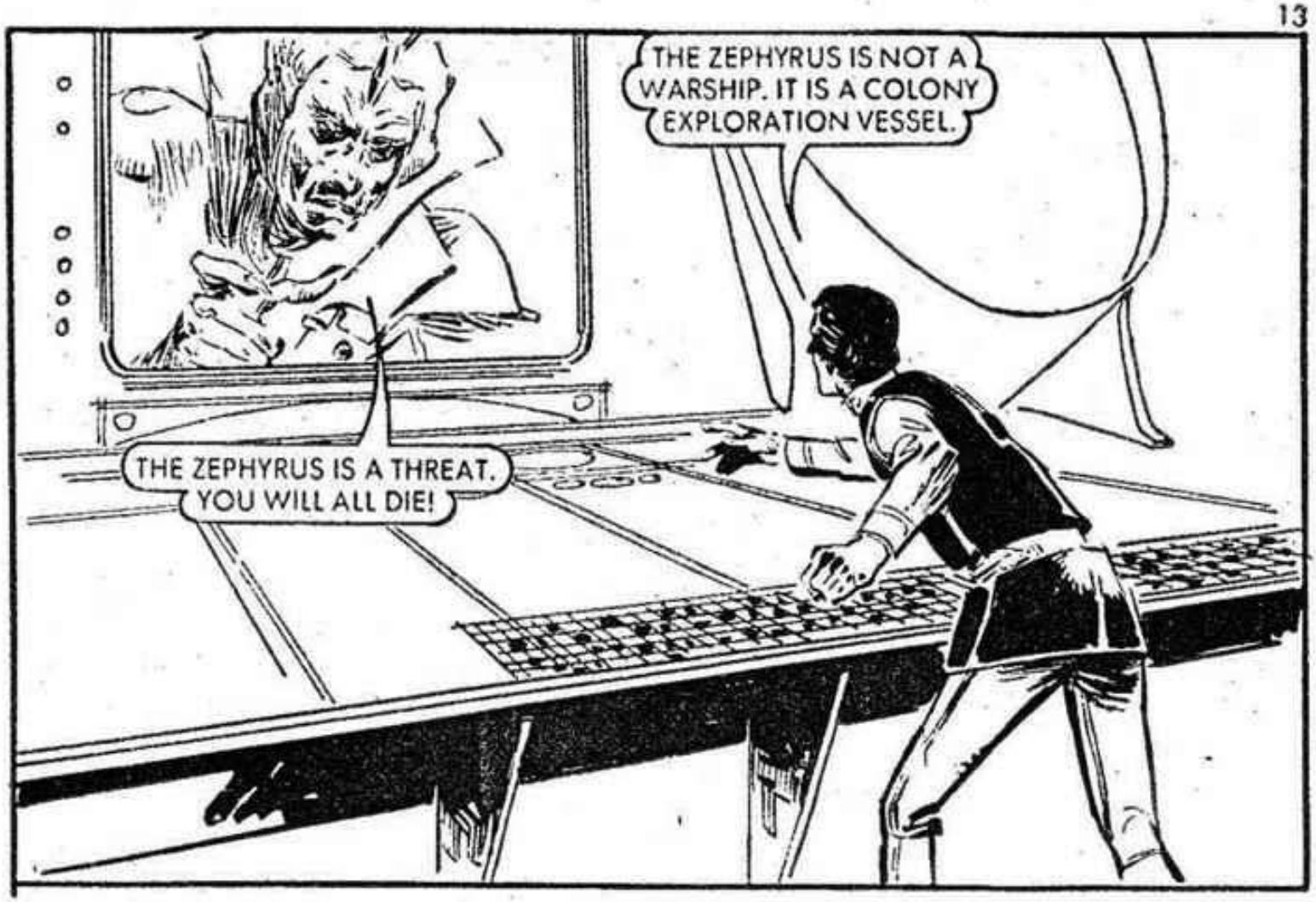
DEEP BENEATH EARTH'S SURFACE.
I AM IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HOME FLEET'S MAIN COMPUTER, SIR. THE VEMLINS HAVE DESTROYED HOME FLEET AND ARE STREAKING TOWARDS EARTH.
WARN ALL CITIES TO PREPARE THEIR FORCE-SHIELDS.

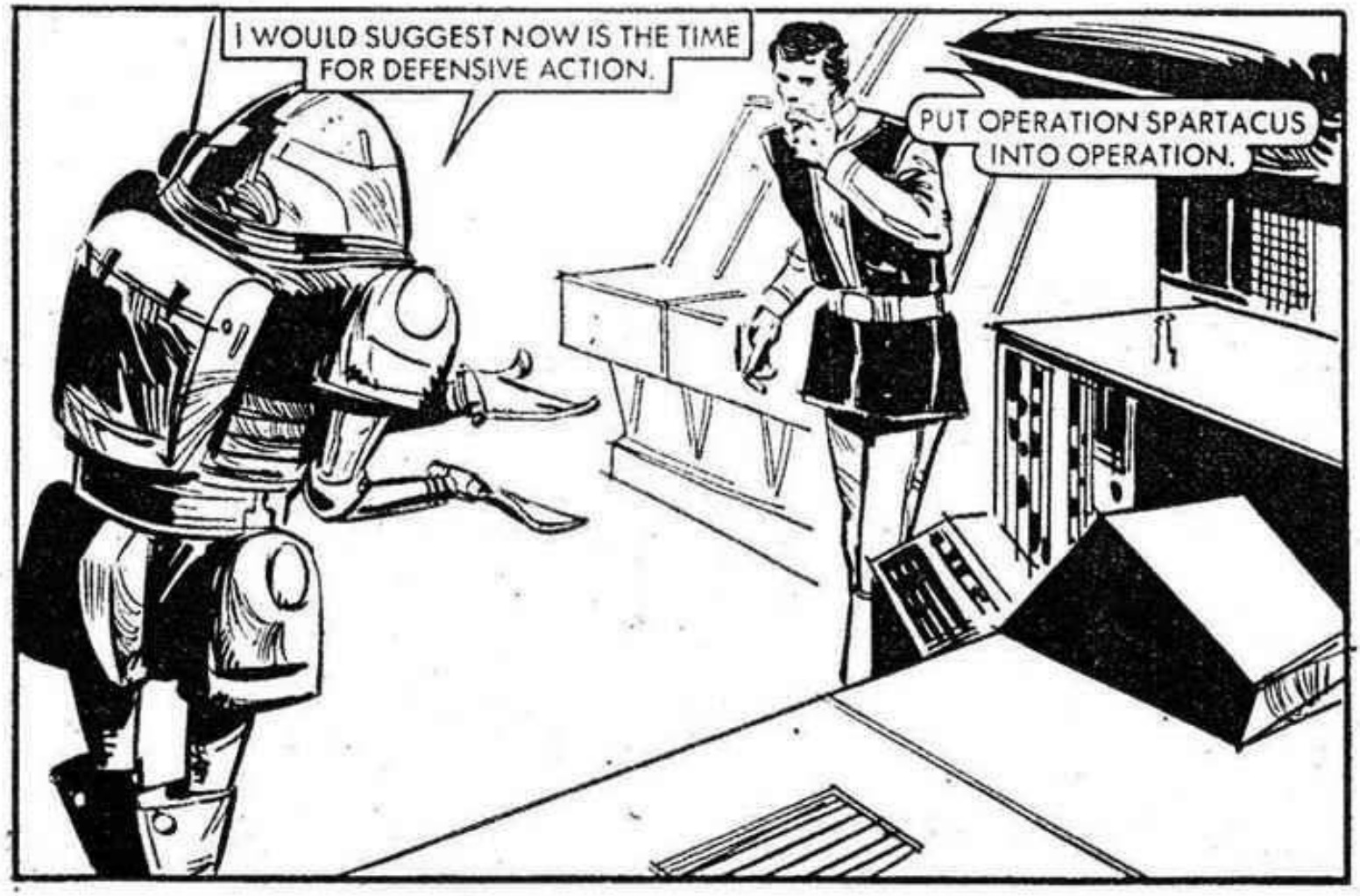
VARRAS' EVIL FACE APPEARED ON THE VIDSCREEN.
YOUR FLEET IS DESTROYED, EARTHLINGS. YOUR COLONIES ARE WIPED OUT.

THAT WAS MARSPORT! NOW ONLY MOONBASE AND EARTH REMAIN.


I PLEAD WITH YOU, VARRAS, EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR TO . . .

SILENCE. THE ZEPHYRUS IS OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM LIMITS SET BY US. YOU HAVE VIOLATED OUR TERRITORY. THIS IS AN ACT OF AGGRESSION FOR WHICH YOU WILL PAY.

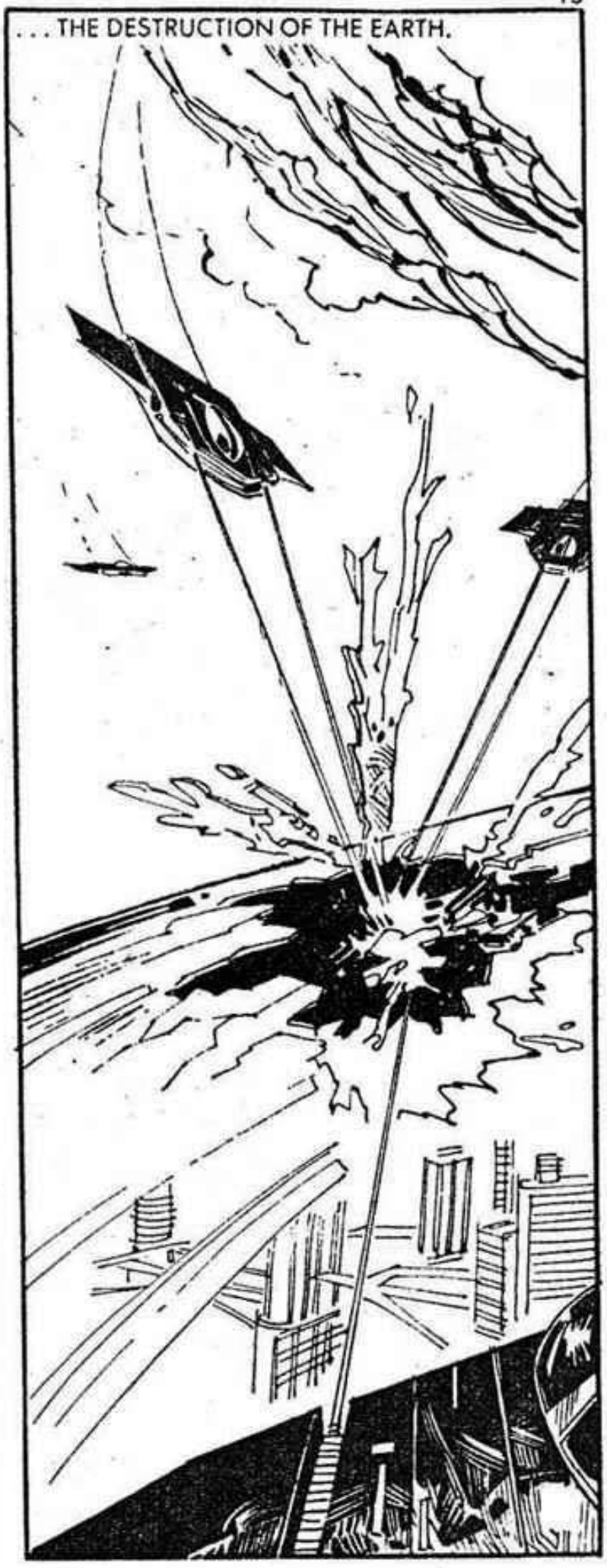

THE ZEPHYRUS IS NOT A WARSHIP. IT IS A COLONY EXPLORATION VESSEL.
THE ZEPHYRUS IS A THREAT. YOU WILL ALL DIE!


I WOULD SUGGEST NOW IS THE TIME FOR DEFENSIVE ACTION.
PUT OPERATION SPARTACUS INTO OPERATION.

WE MUST PREVENT OUR PEOPLE BEING KILLED.

ALL OVER EARTH THE CITIES TOOK COVER BENEATH THEIR FORCE-SHIELDS AND PREPARED FOR THE VEMLIN ATTACK . . . THIS WAS OPERATION SPARTACUS.

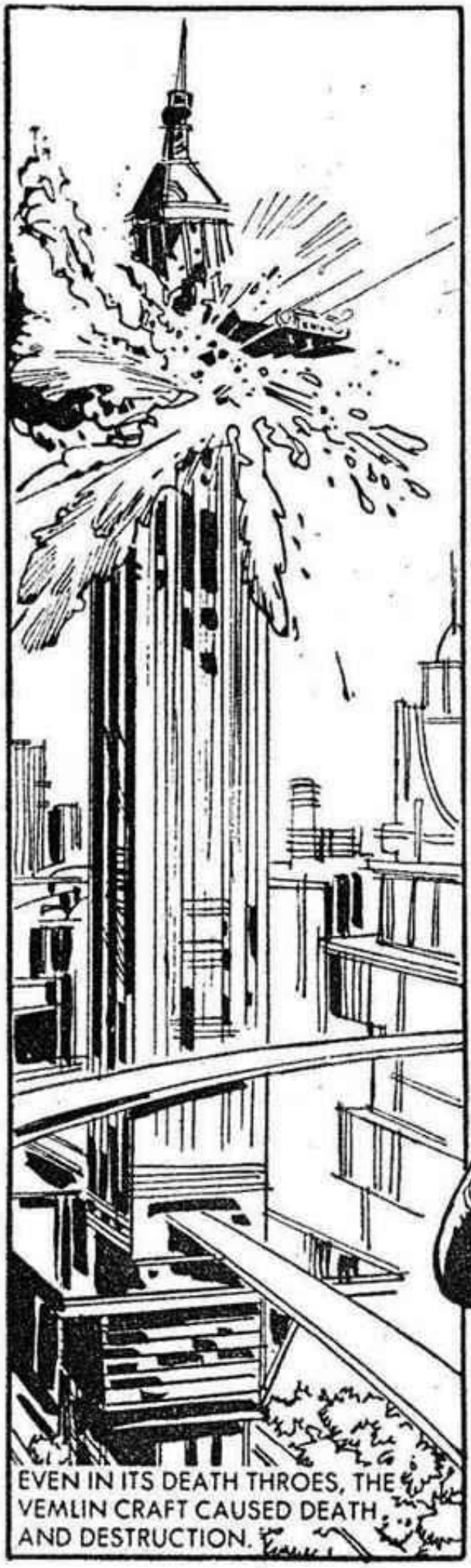
THE VEMLINS HURTLED TOWARDS THEIR FINAL GOAL . . .

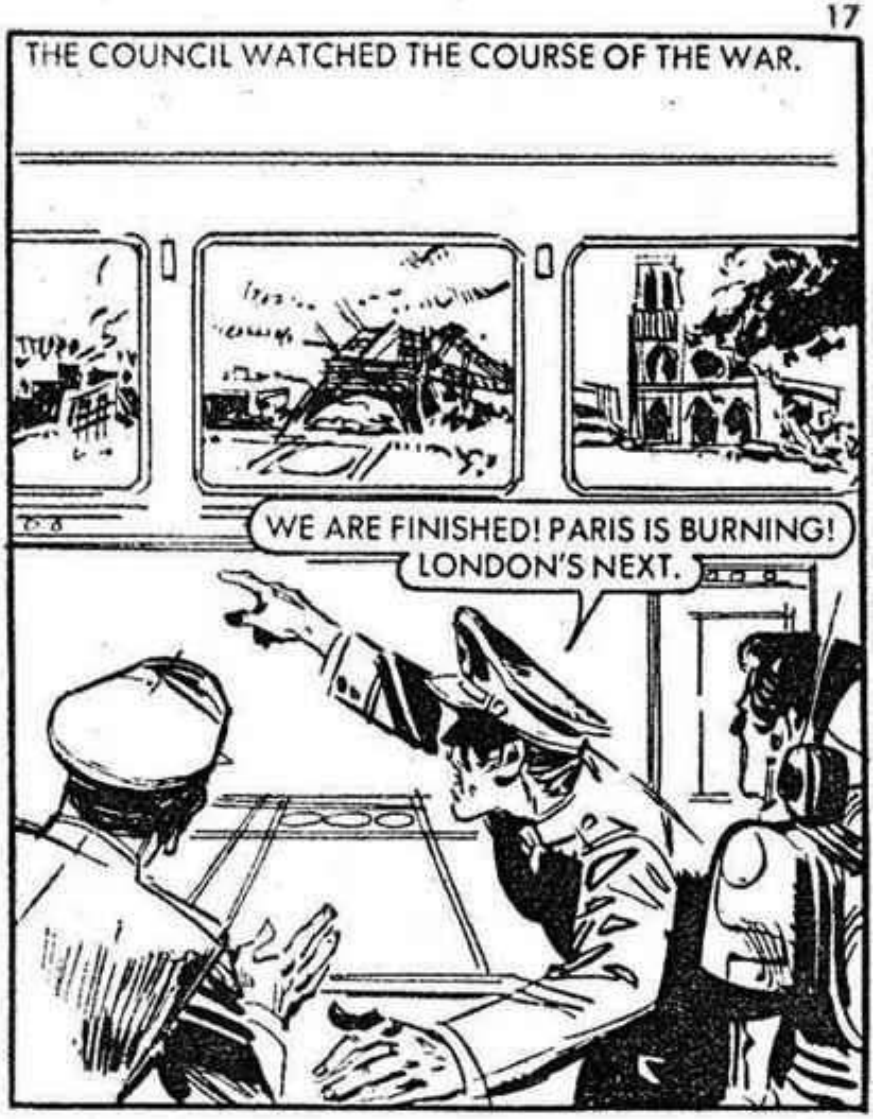

. . . THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EARTH.

THE FORCESHIELDS DISINTEGRATED AND THE LAST OBSTACLE TO THE VEMLINS WAS OVERCOME.

. . . WE REPEAT. THE FORCE-SHIELD IS NO LONGER OPERATING. YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE SHELTER.

LASER CANNON CREWS MADE A BRAVE STAND AGAINST THE INVADERS.
WE HIT ONE!


EVEN IN ITS DEATH THROES, THE VEMLIN CRAFT CAUSED DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

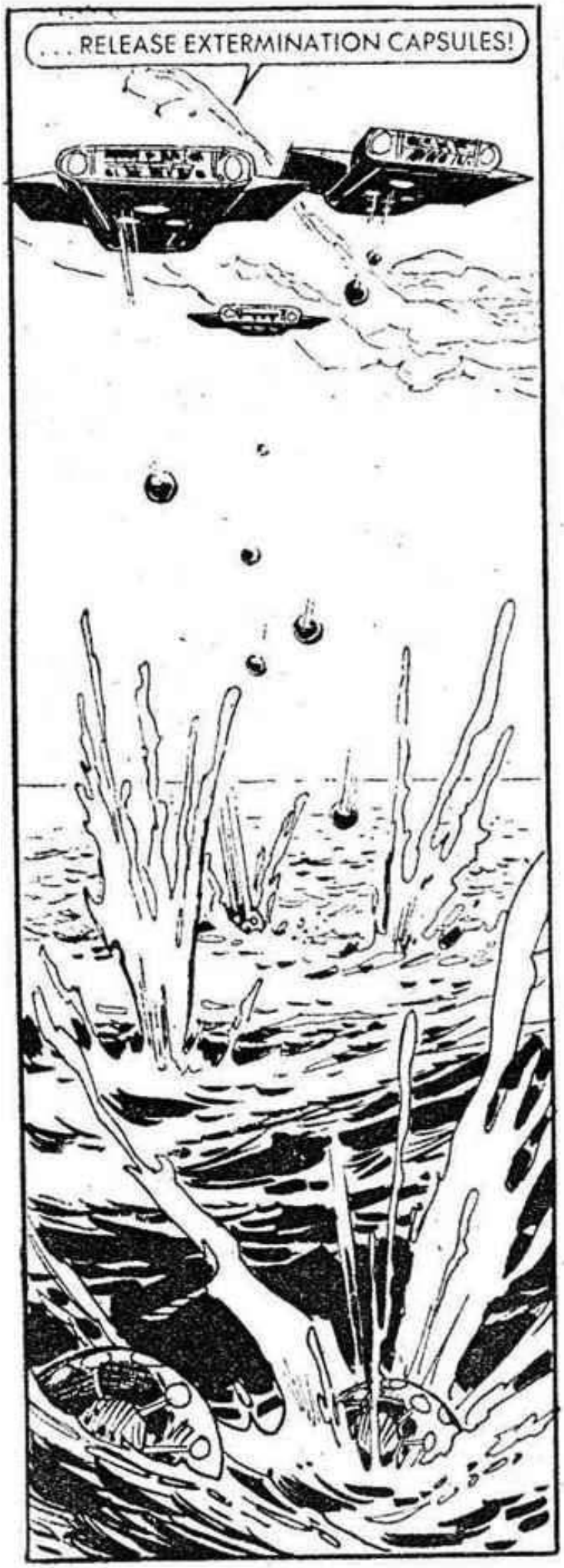

THE COUNCIL WATCHED THE COURSE OF THE WAR.
WE ARE FINISHED! PARIS IS BURNING! LONDON'S NEXT.

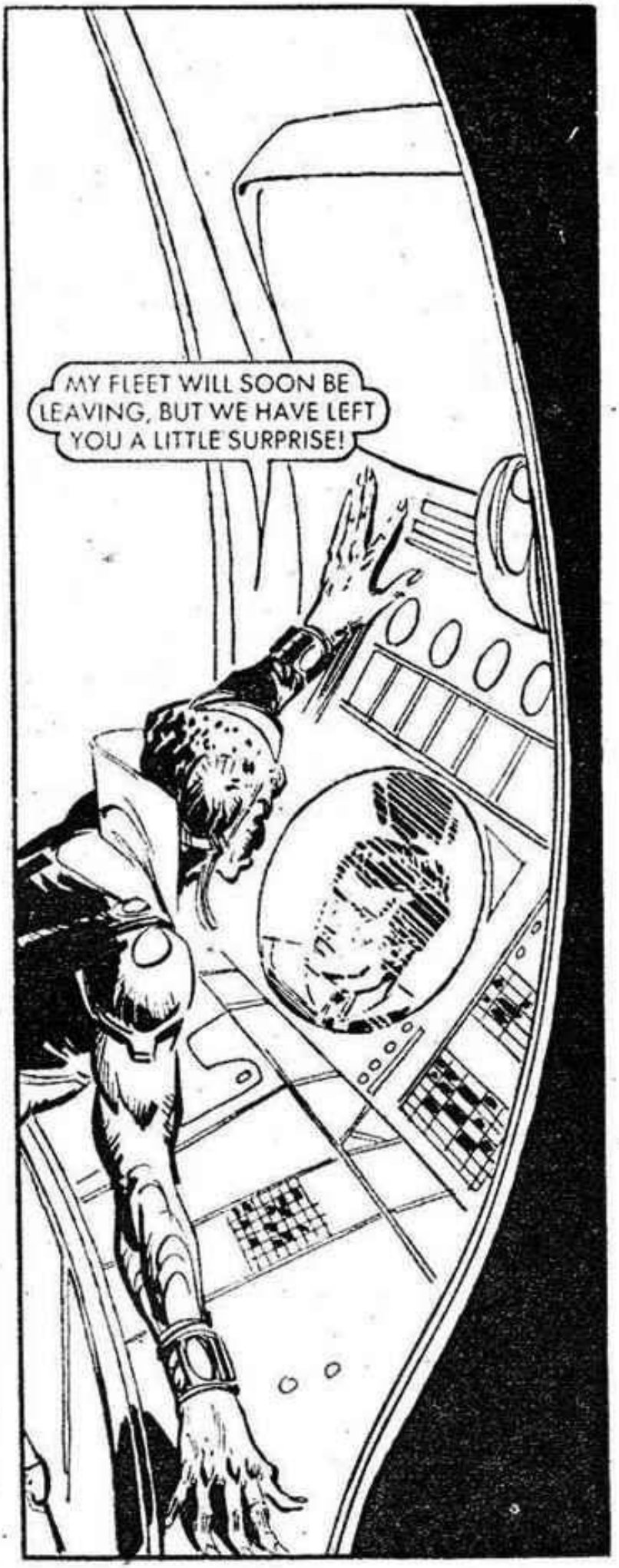
BUT WE ARE INFLICTING HEAVY CASUALTIES.

IS IT TRUE? COULD WE DEFEAT THEM?
I DO NOT THINK VARRAS WILL ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE.

VARRAS WAS AWARE OF THE SITUATION.
I WILL NOT RISK ANY MORE SHIPS. TELL THE FLEET TO PREPARE THE VIRUS CAPSULES.
THE CAPSULES ARE READY. WE WILL POSITION THE FLEET OVER THE AREAS CALLED SEAS.

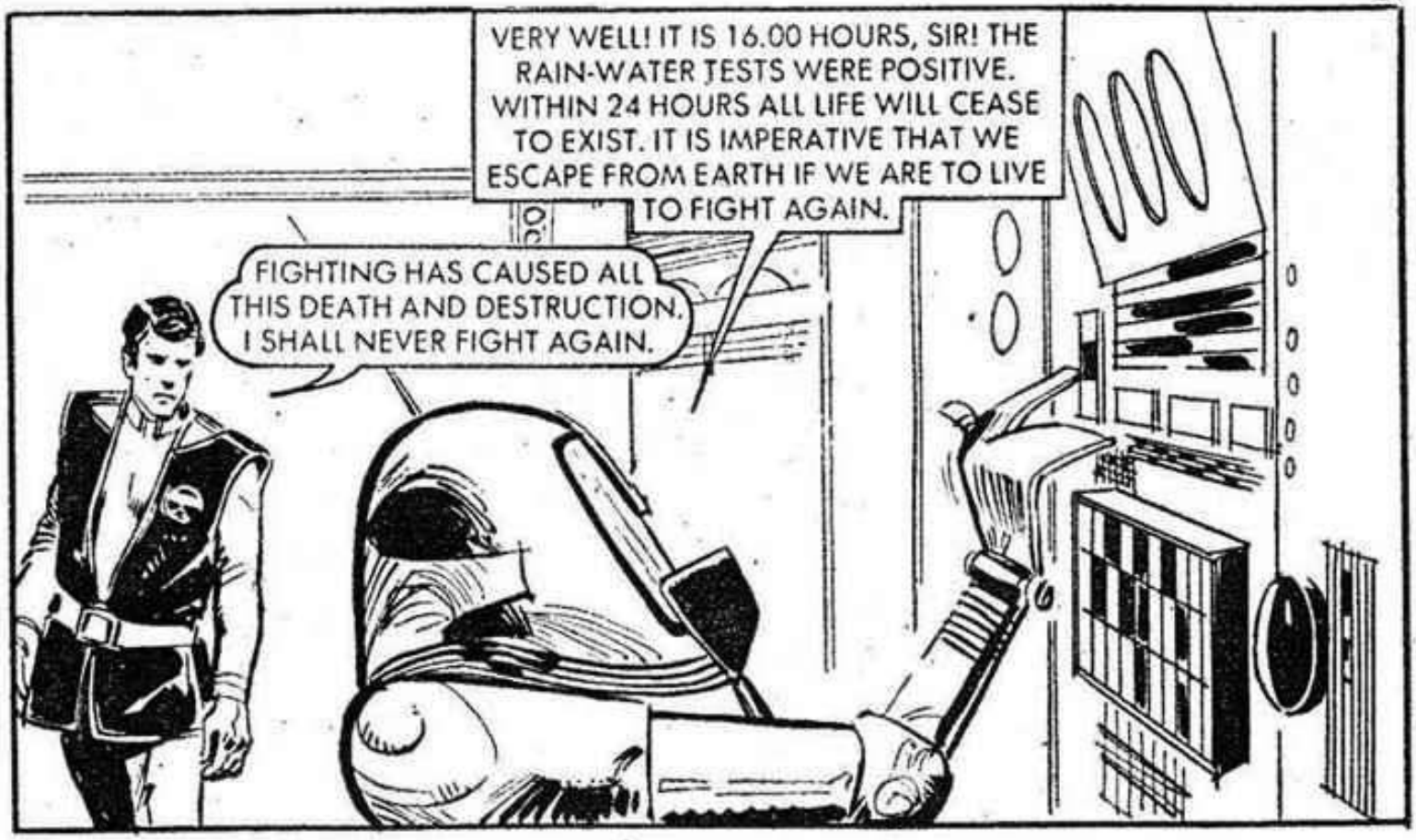
TAKE UP YOUR POSITIONS, NOW . . .

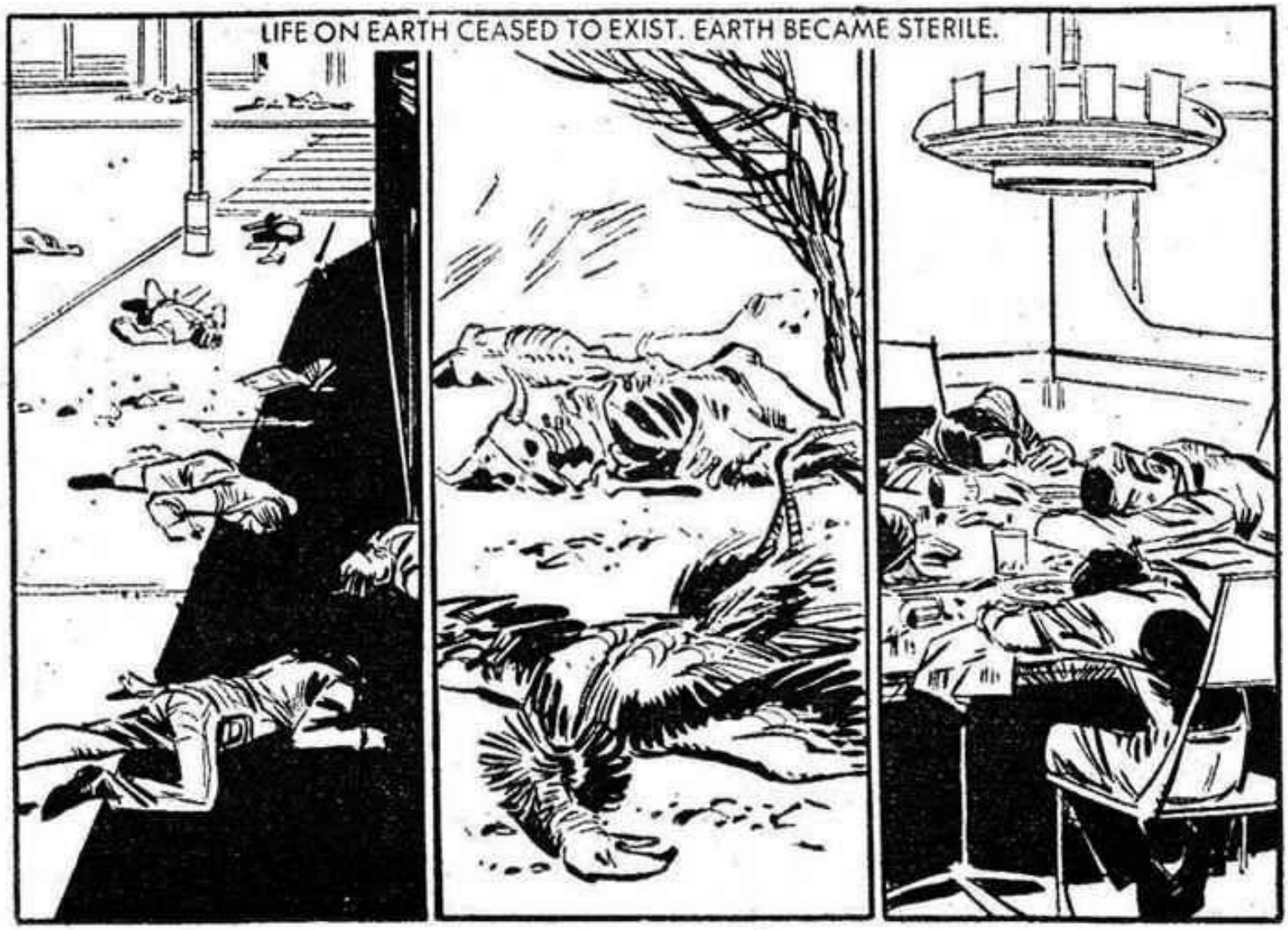

. . . RELEASE EXTERMINATION CAPSULES!


MY FLEET WILL SOON BE LEAVING, BUT WE HAVE LEFT YOU A LITTLE SURPRISE!

PREPARE TO DIE, EARTHLING— YOU WILL BE THE LAST!

MANY SPACIALS LATER IN THE UNDERGROUND RESCUE SHELTER.
WILL WE BE TAKING TEA, SIR?
YOU TALK OF TEA AT THIS TIME! I WANT A REPORT.


VERY WELL! IT IS 16.00 HOURS, SIR! THE RAIN-WATER TESTS WERE POSITIVE. WITHIN 24 HOURS ALL LIFE WILL CEASE TO EXIST. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ESCAPE FROM EARTH IF WE ARE TO LIVE TO FIGHT AGAIN.
FIGHTING HAS CAUSED ALL THIS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. I SHALL NEVER FIGHT AGAIN.


LIFE ON EARTH CEASED TO EXIST. EARTH BECAME STERILE.

DEEP IN SPACE, AND OUT OF COMMUNICATIONS RANGE, ZEPHYRUS WAS UNAWARE OF THE DEVASTATION OF EARTH.

SIR! THERE'S AN UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT ON A SMALL PLANET AHEAD. ION TRACES INDICATE THAT IT HAS ONLY RECENTLY ARRIVED.

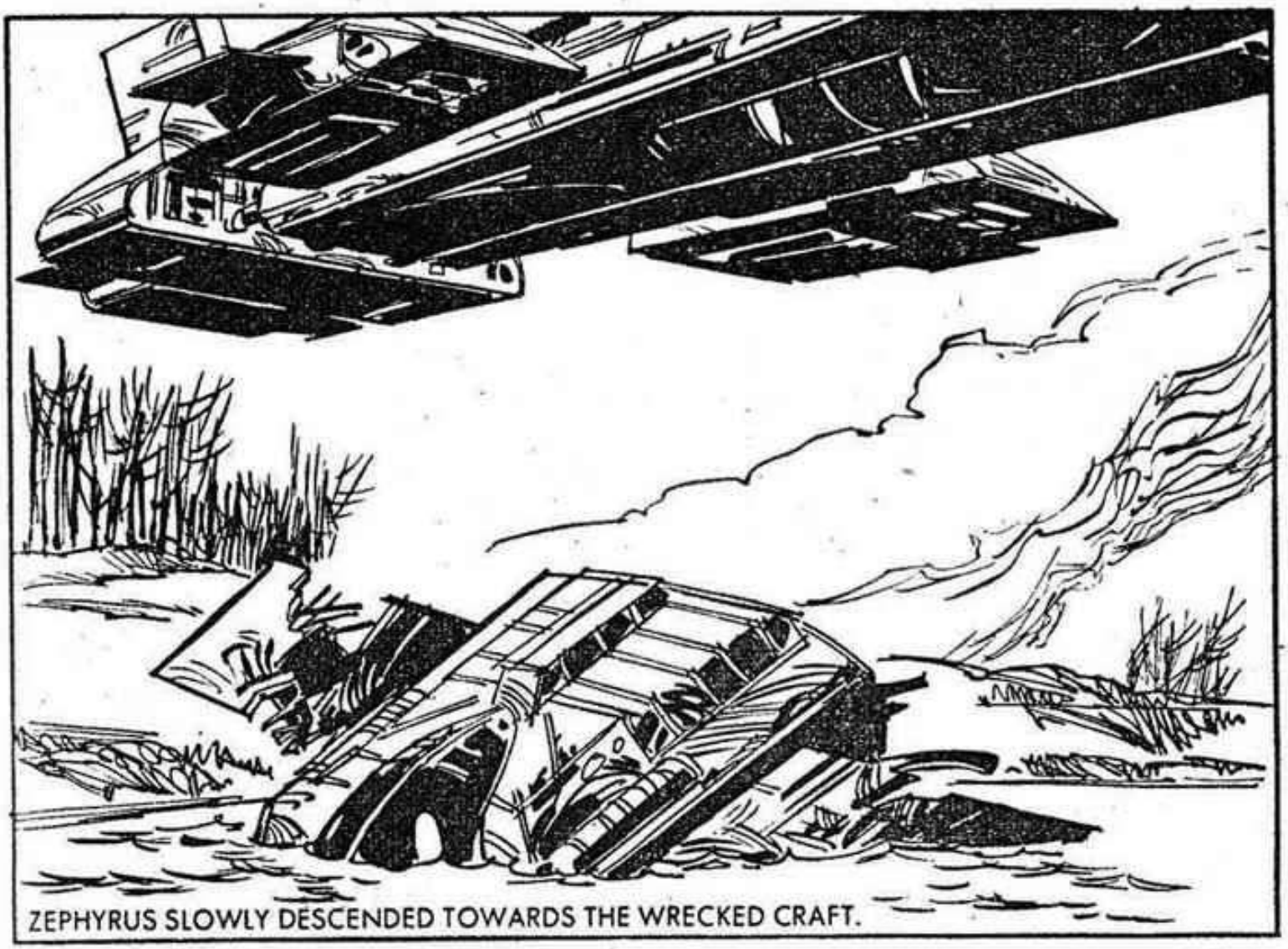
ZEPHYRUS

WE HAVE VISUAL CONTACT.

IT ISN'T ONE OF OURS.

CLOSE IN. PREPARE TO BOARD.

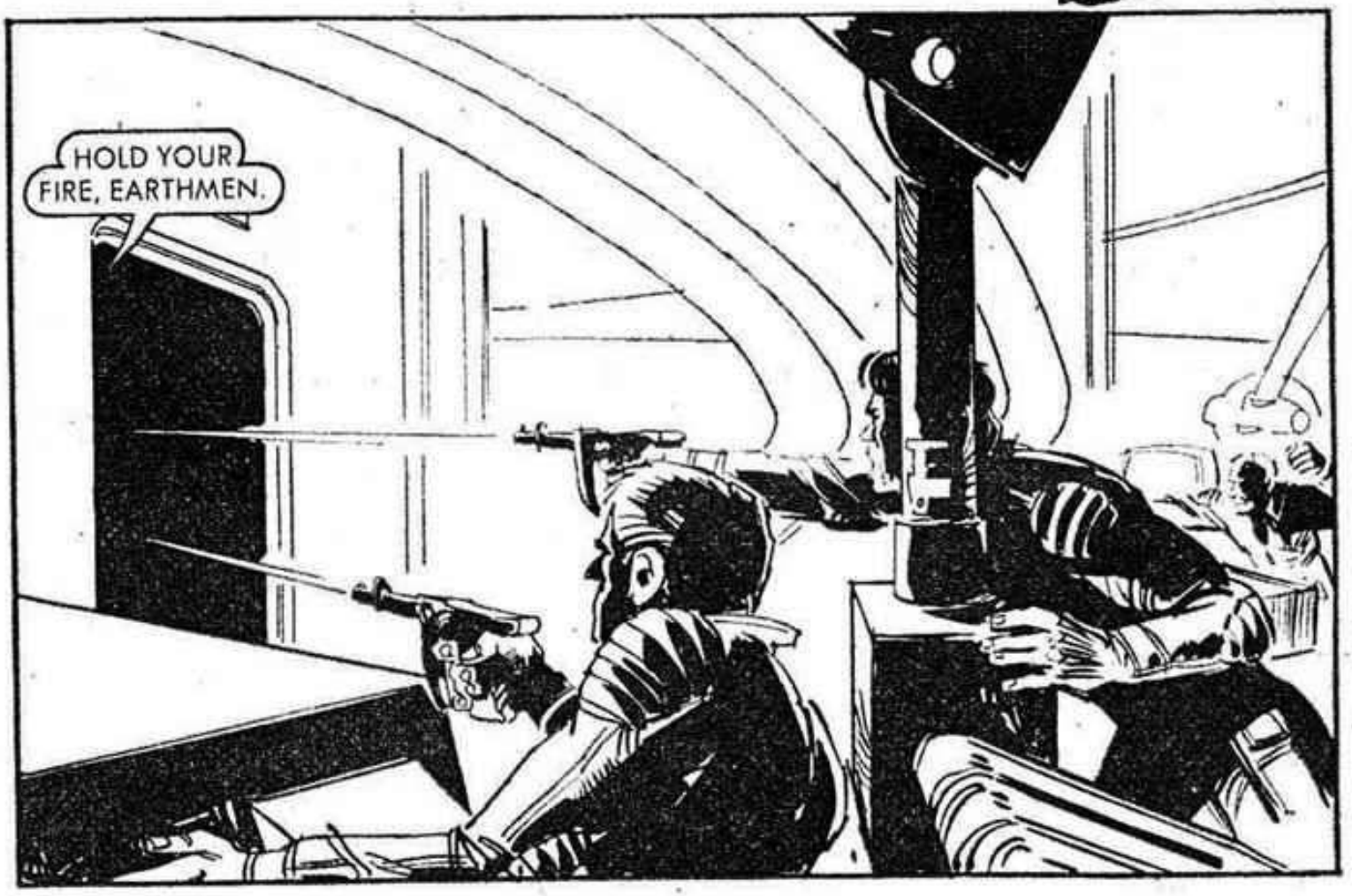
SYNCHRONIZE SPEED . . . LINE UP LOCKING BEAMS . . . PREPARE TO BOARD.


ZEPHYRUS SLOWLY DESCENDED TOWARDS THE WRECKED CRAFT.

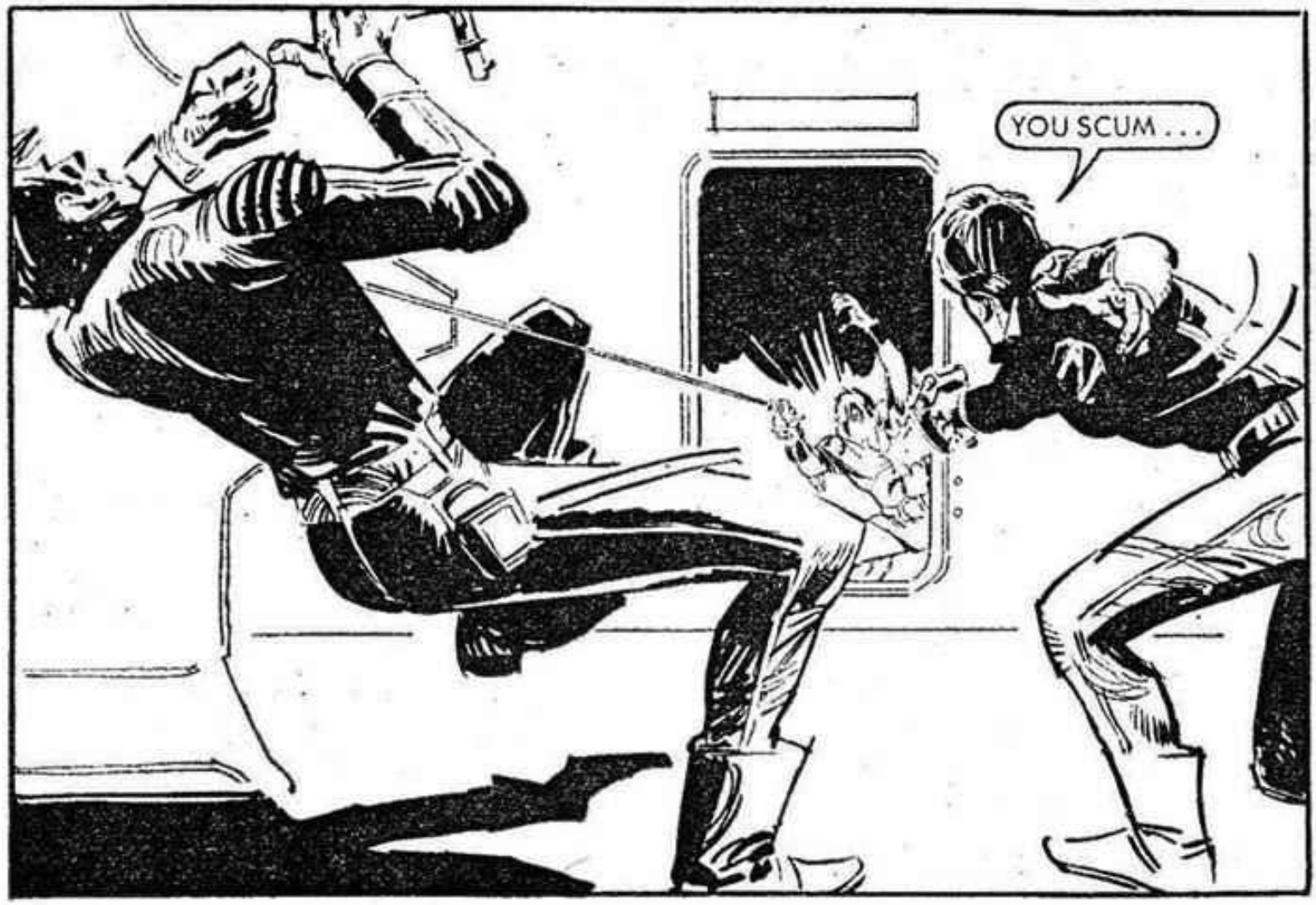
A DOCKING TUBE WAS LOWERED.
FOLLOW ME!

HE'S BEEN BLASTED BY A LASER.
THERE ARE OTHERS OVER THERE, SIR.

A LASER BLAST. TAKE COVER.


HOLD YOUR FIRE, EARTHMEN.

FOOLS! YOUR HONOUR IS YOUR WEAKNESS.


YOU SCUM . . .

I SHALL DIE HAPPY . . . YOUR PLANET WILL BE DESTROYED!
WHAT?

WE VEMLIN LAUNCHED AN ATTACK . . . ON EARTH . . . ALL EARTHLINGS ARE DESTROYED. YOU ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS.

THE ZEPHYRUS DISENGAGED IMMEDIATELY.
MISSION ABANDONED! WE'RE GOING HOME.
IT LOOKS AS IF WE ALONE ARE ALL THAT REMAINS OF EARTH'S RACES.

BUT THEY WEREN'T QUITE ALONE. DEEP BELOW EARTH'S DEAD SURFACE...

THE ZEPHYRUS HAS JUST ENTERED MY TRANCEIVER FIELD. THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY.

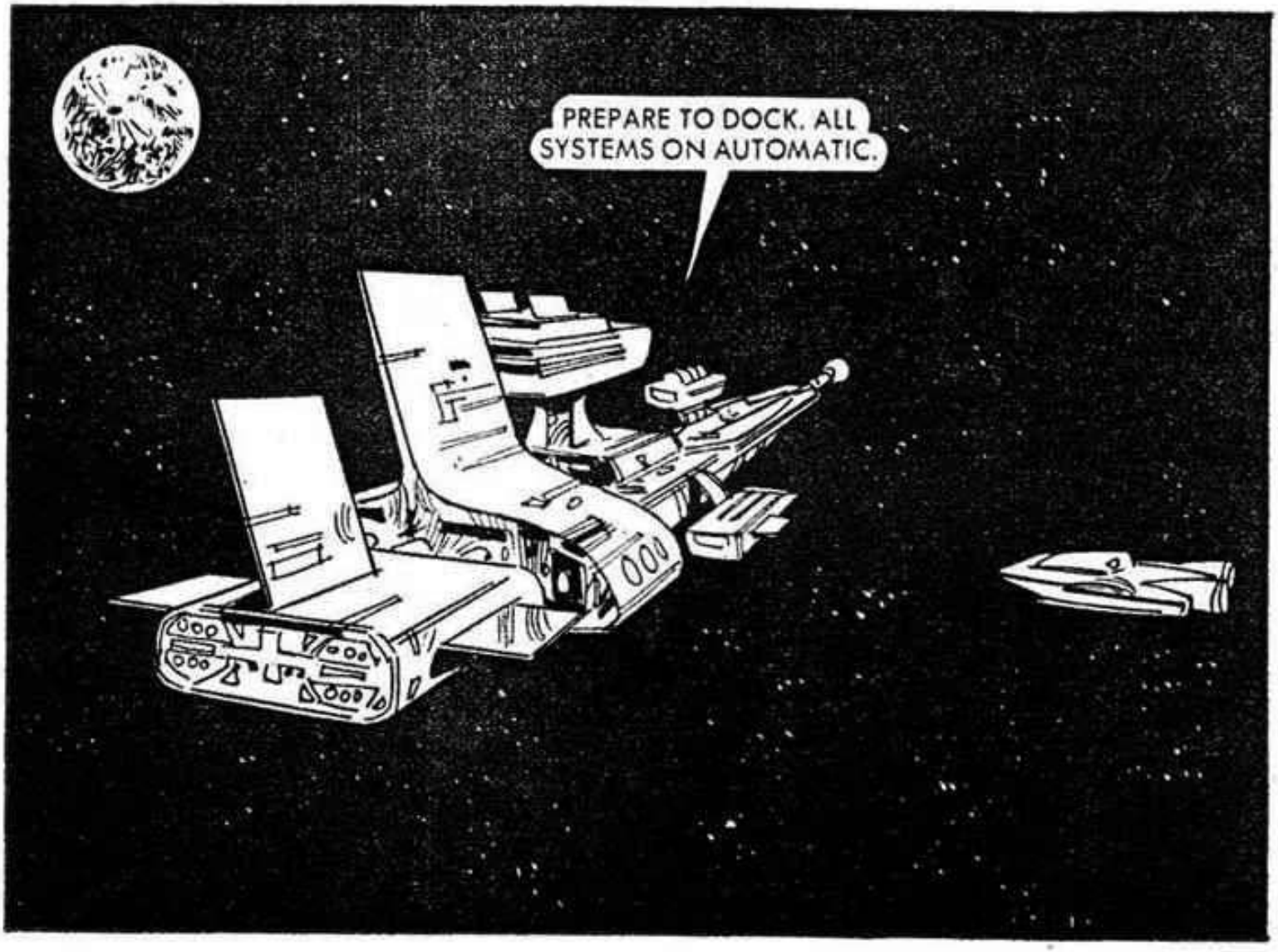
WHAT GOOD IS THE ZEPHYRUS?

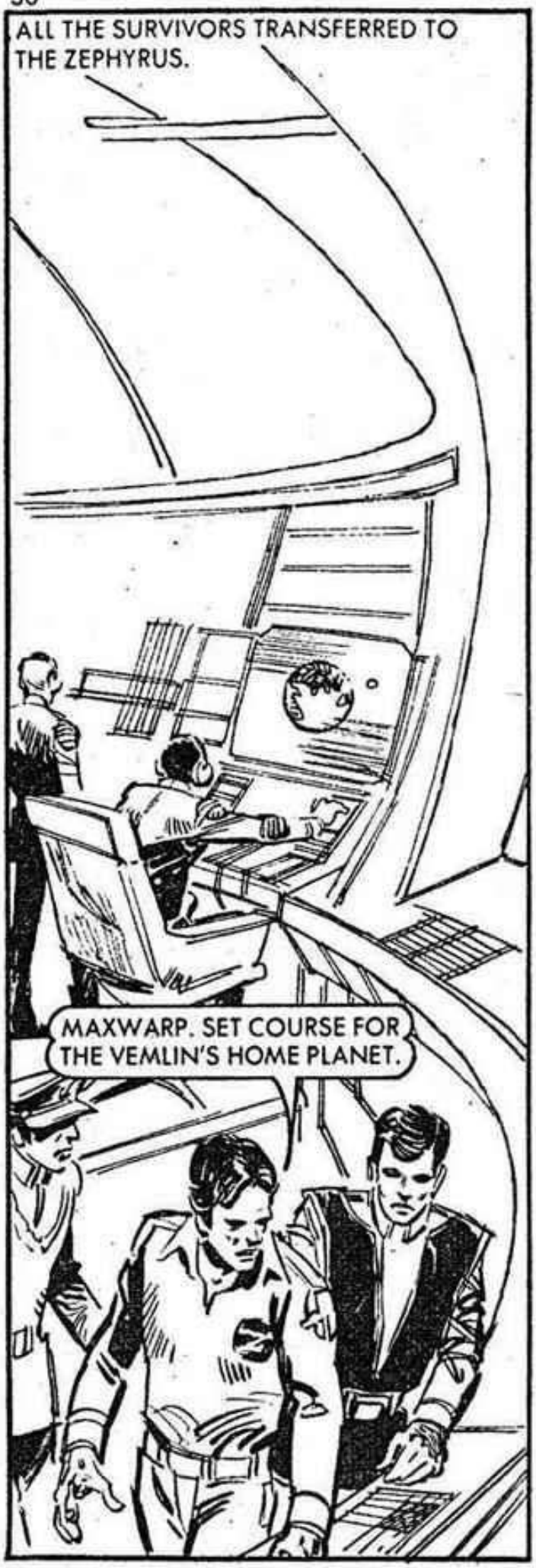
REVENGE, SIR.

REVENGE! MORE DEATH AND DESRUCTION. NO.

THE ZEPHYRUS COULD TAKE THOSE WHO REMAIN TO A NEW PLANET. IF WE LEAVE NOW, SIR, WE WILL AVOID CONTAMINATION OF THE ZEPHYRUS.

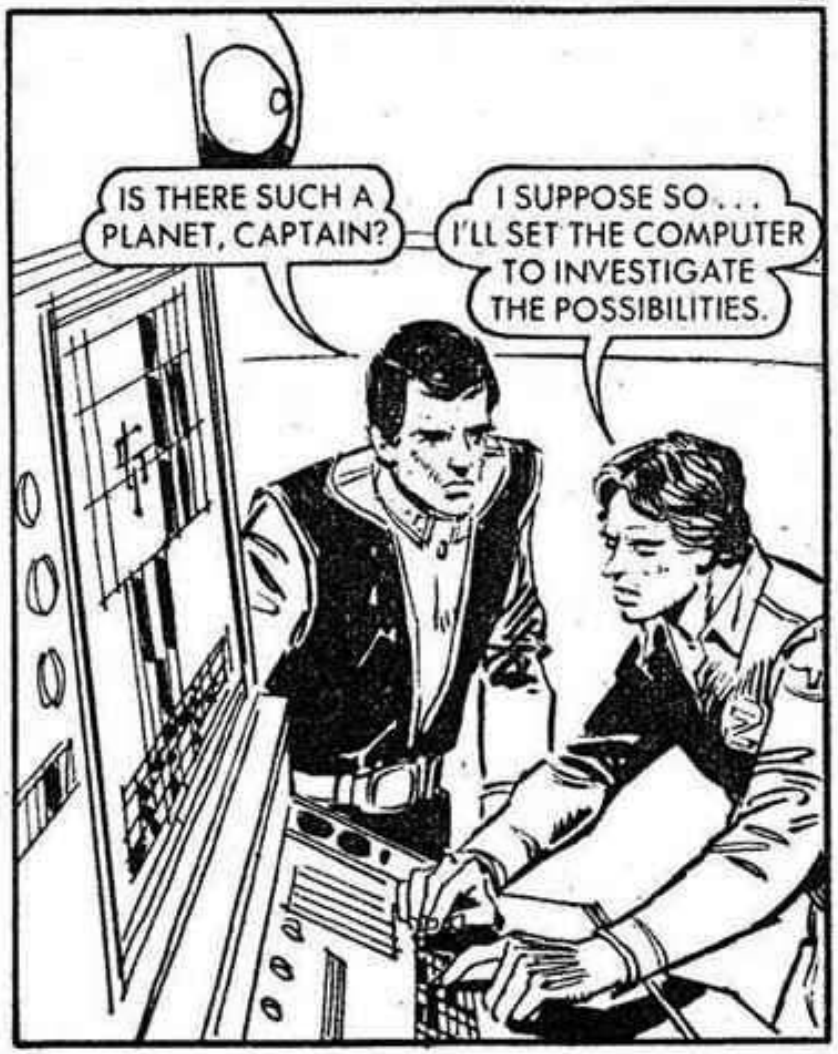
ZEPHYRUS ARRIVED OVER EARTH.
OUR SOLAR SYSTEM IS DEAD.
SIR! SURVIVAL CRAFT APPROACHING!

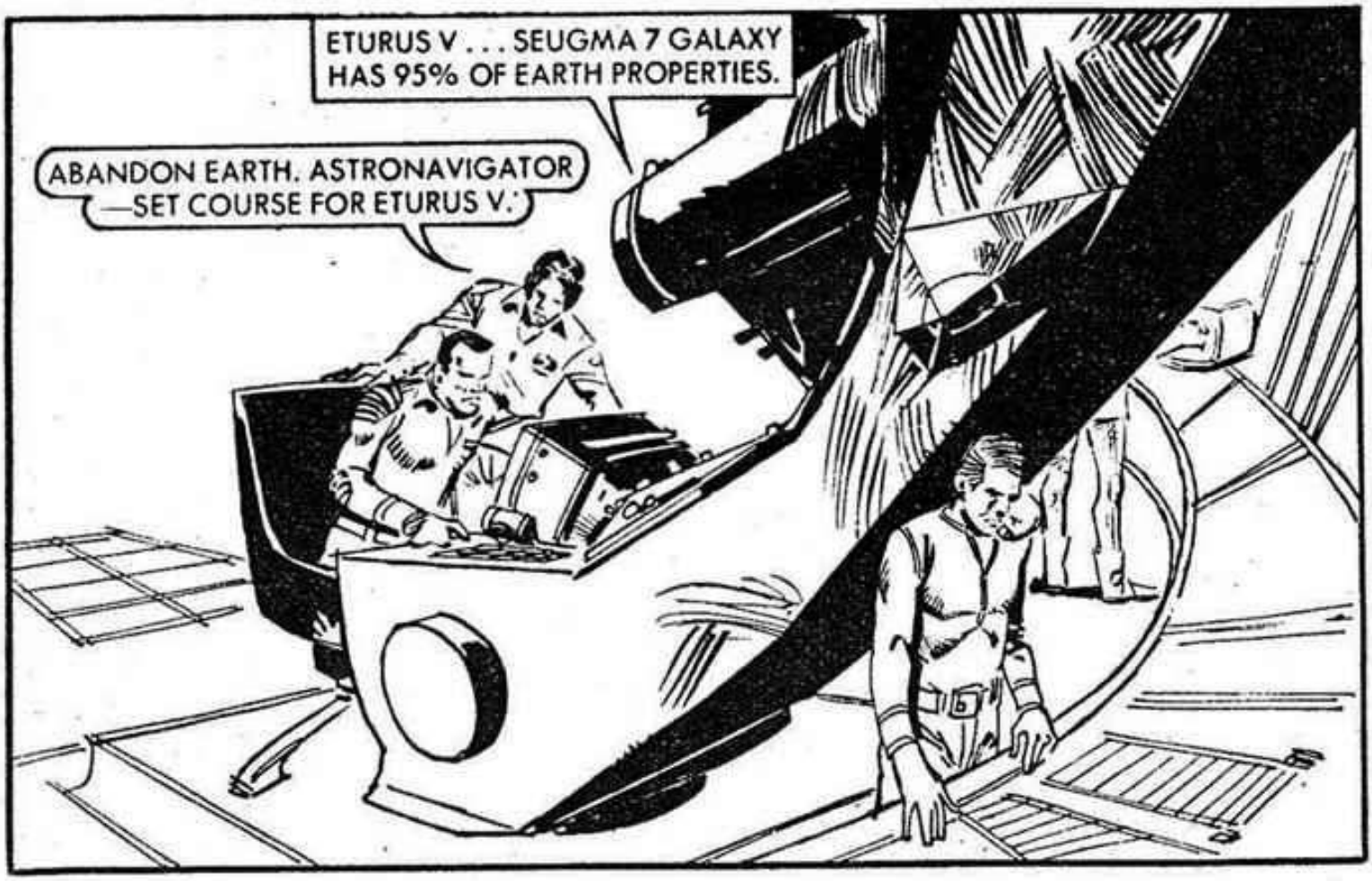

PREPARE TO DOCK. ALL SYSTEMS ON AUTOMATIC.

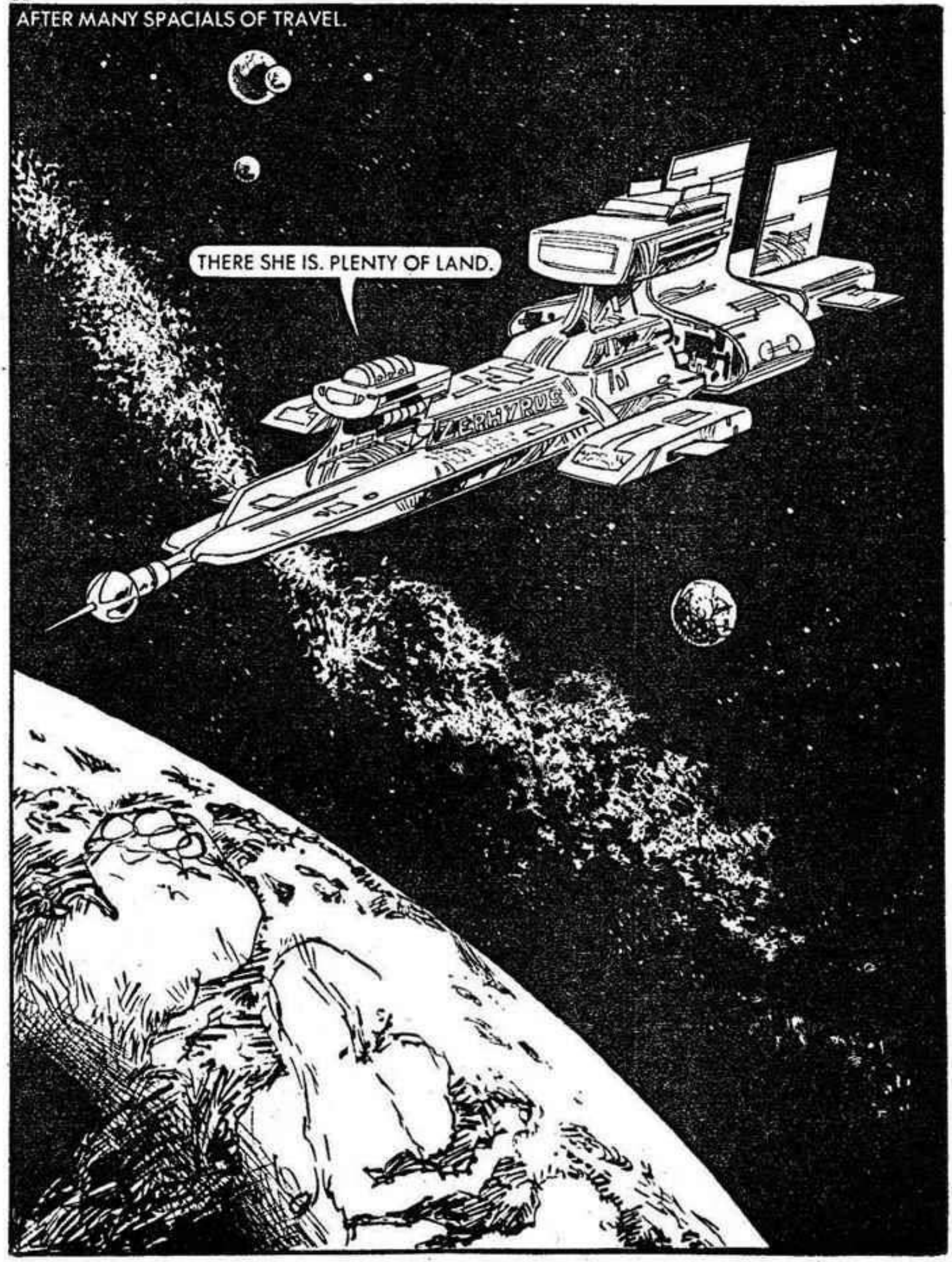

ALL THE SURVIVORS TRANSFERRED TO THE ZEPHYRUS.
MAXWARP. SET COURSE FOR THE VEMLIN'S HOME PLANET.

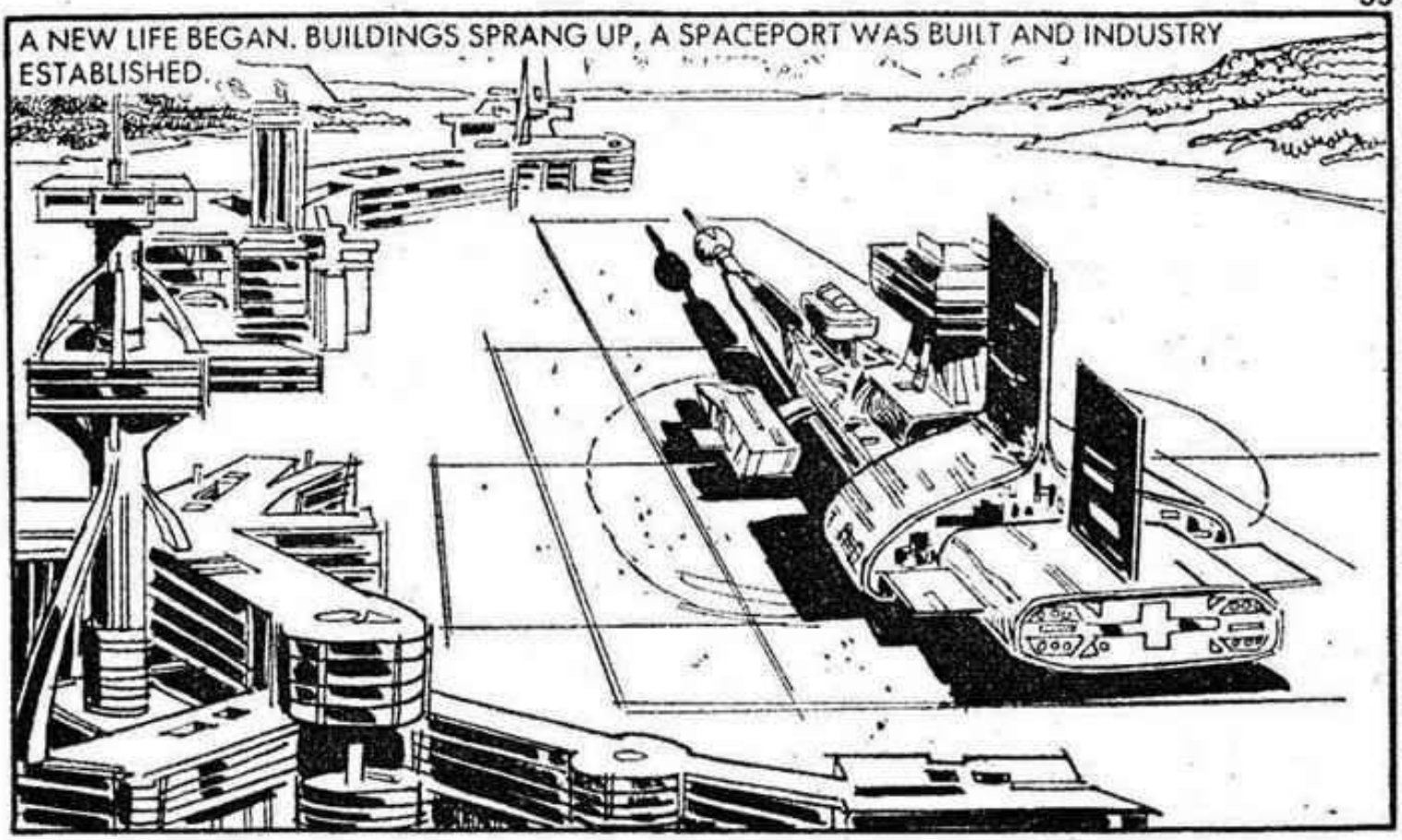
NO! THIS SHIP HAS CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE. WE WILL FIGHT NO MORE WARS . . .

WE MUST FIND A NEW PLANET AND START A NEW LIFE—A LIFE OF PEACE.

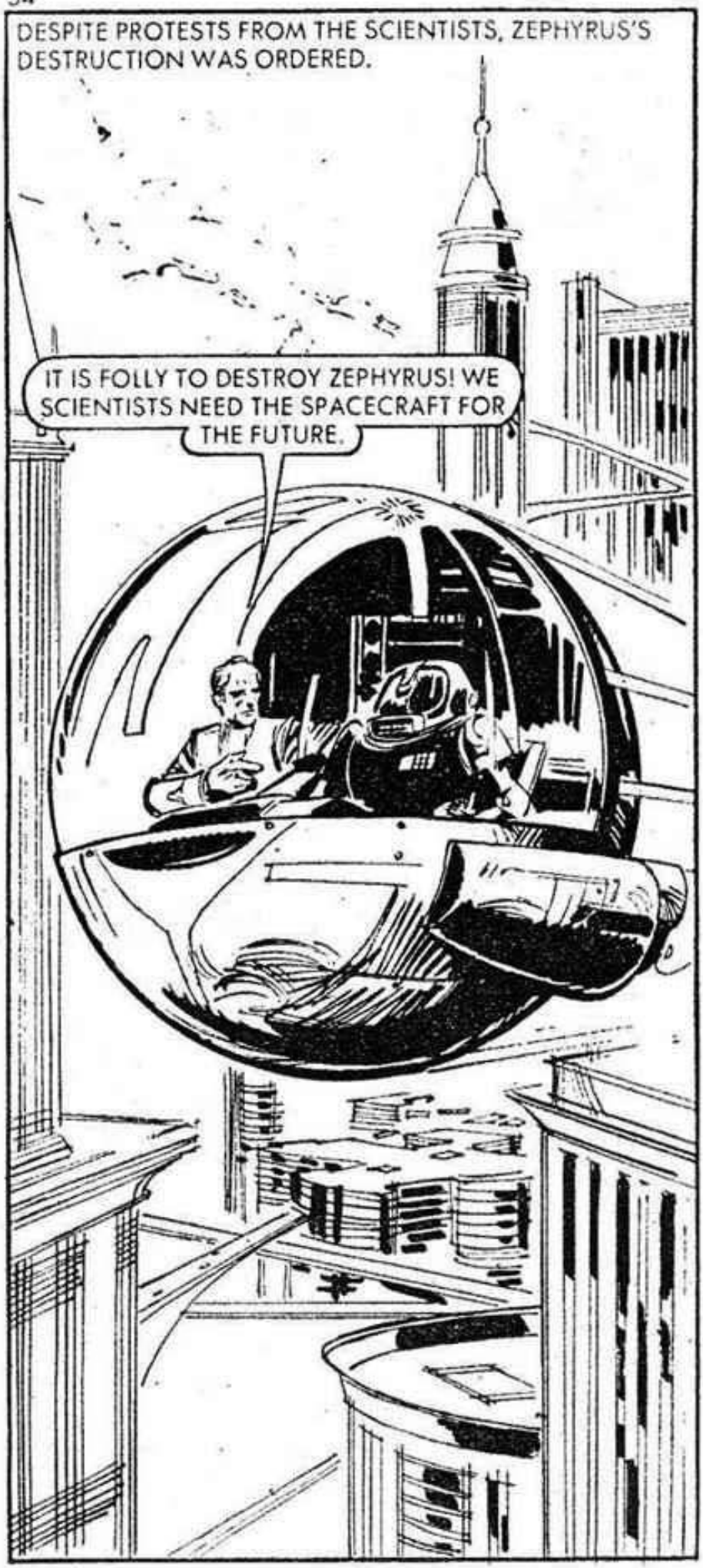

IS THERE SUCH A PLANET, CAPTAIN?
I SUPPOSE SO . . . I'LL SET THE COMPUTER TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES.


ETURUS V . . . SEUGMA 7 GALAXY HAS 95% OF EARTH PROPERTIES.
ABANDON EARTH. ASTRONAVIGATOR —SET COURSE FOR ETURUS V.


AFTER MANY SPACIALS OF TRAVEL.
THERE SHE IS. PLENTY OF LAND.
ZERHYRUS

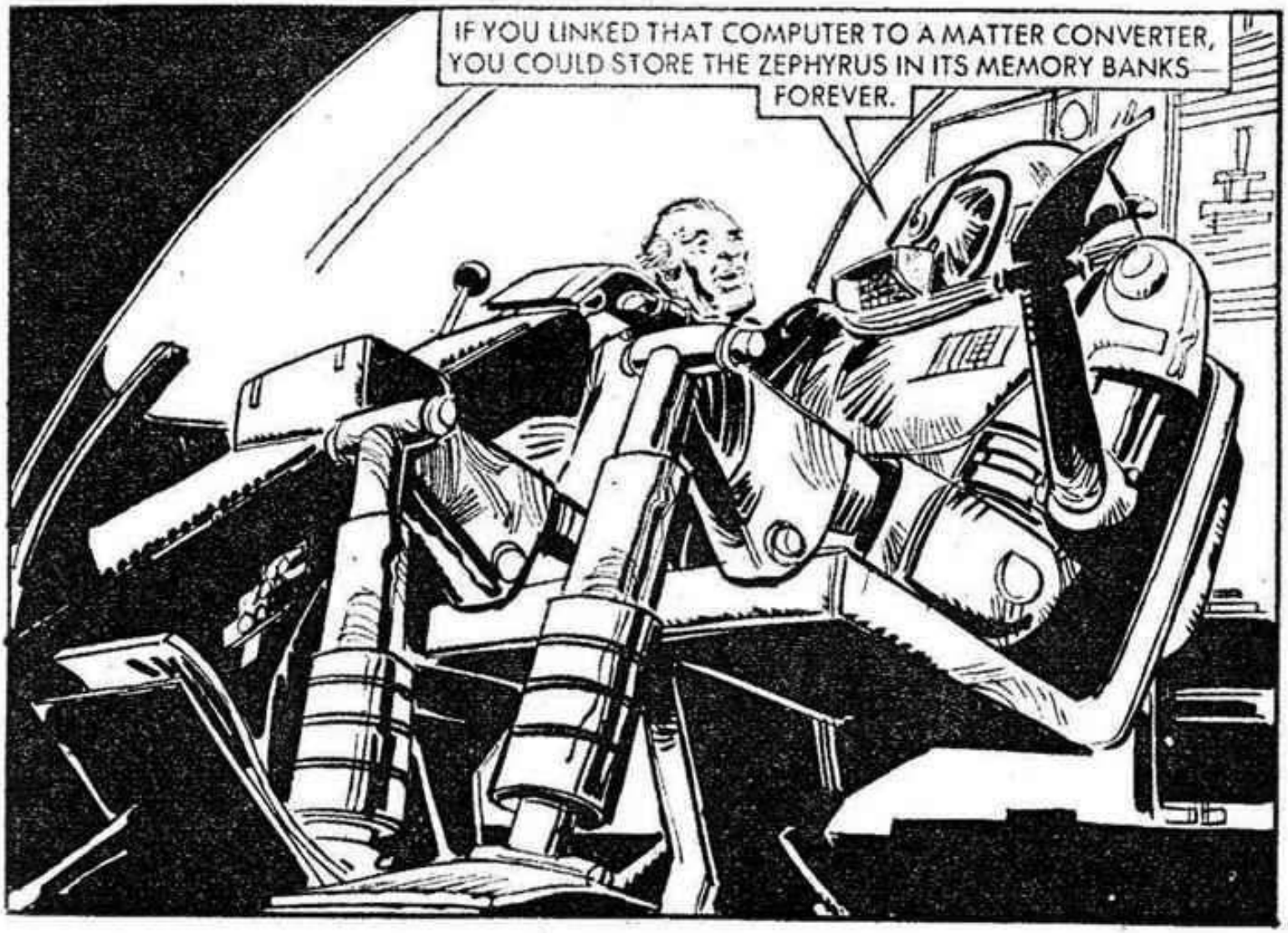

A NEW LIFE BEGAN. BUILDINGS SPRANG UP, A SPACEPORT WAS BUILT AND INDUSTRY ESTABLISHED.

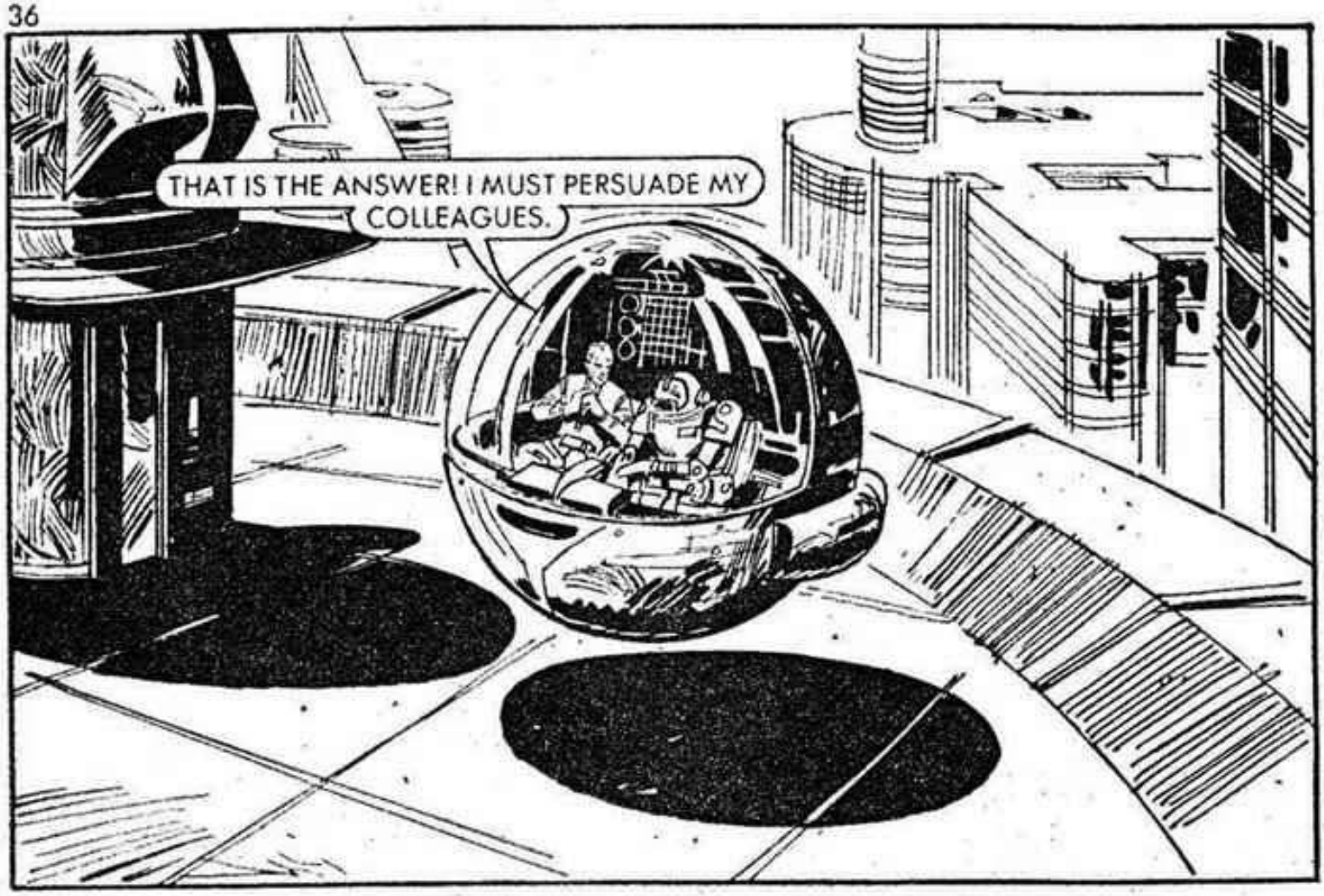
ALMOST A YEAR LATER.
GENTLEMEN! NOW THAT WE HAVE SETTLED HERE, WE MUST GIVE THE VEMLINS NO REASON TO ATTACK US— ZEPHYRUS WILL BE DESTROYED.
WHAT?
IMPOSSIBLE . . . THAT WILL LEAVE US UNDEFENDED.


DESPITE PROTESTS FROM THE SCIENTISTS, ZEPHYRUS'S DESTRUCTION WAS ORDERED.
IT IS FOLLY TO DESTROY ZEPHYRUS! WE SCIENTISTS NEED THE SPACECRAFT FOR THE FUTURE.

I AM ONLY A ROBOT, BUT I AGREE. MAYBE IT CAN BE KEPT.

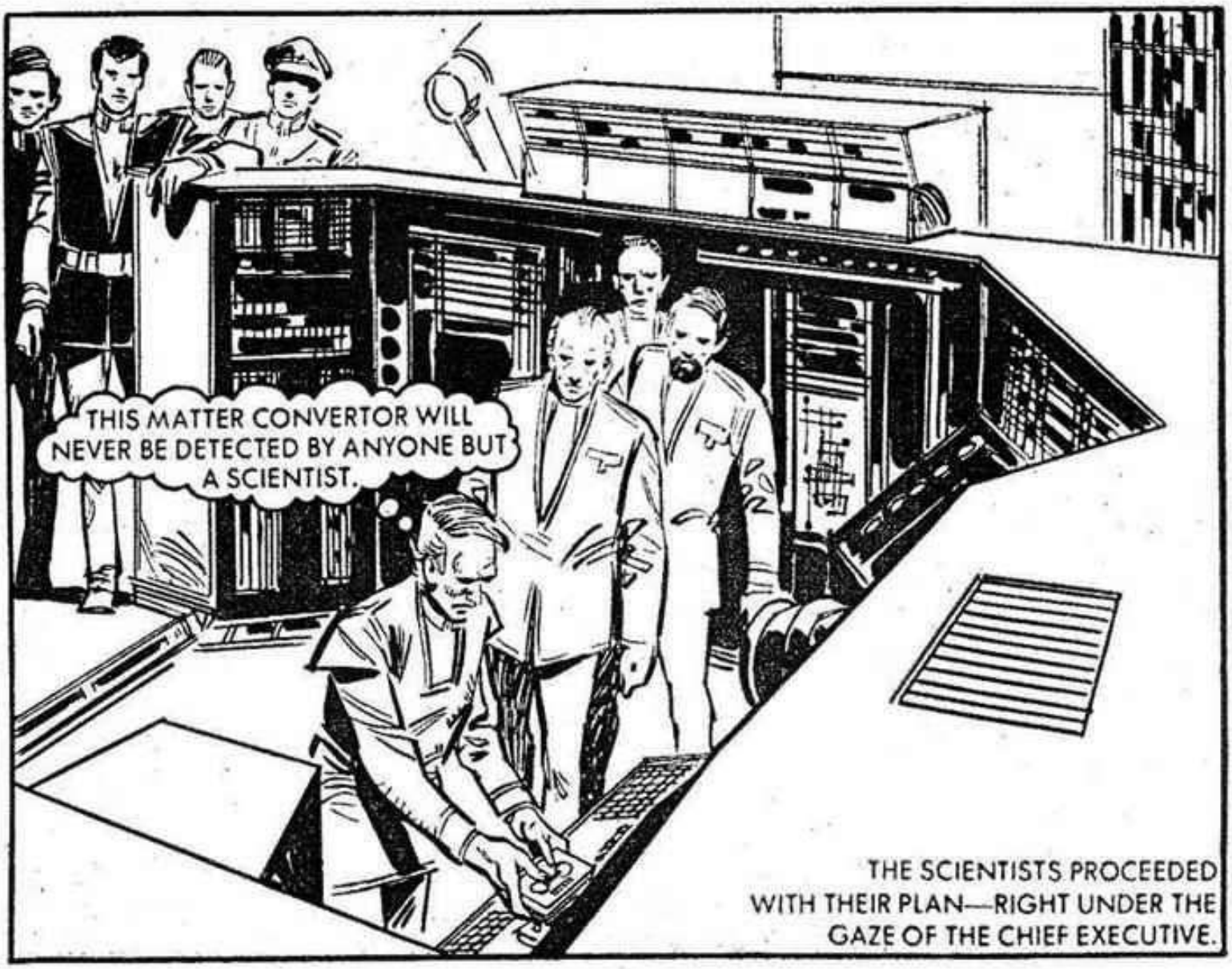
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE STARSHIP'S COMPUTER BRAIN HAS BEEN KEPT TO HELP RUN THE CITY . . .


IF YOU LINKED THAT COMPUTER TO A MATTER CONVERTER, YOU COULD STORE THE ZEPHYRUS IN ITS MEMORY BANKS— FOREVER.


THAT IS THE ANSWER! I MUST PERSUADE MY COLLEAGUES.

A SECRET MEETING WAS CALLED.
WE WILL DESTROY THE ZEPHYRUS . . .

SEDATH EXPLAINED HOW THE DESTRUCTION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.
AND WILL IT WORK?
IF WE TIME EVERYTHING CORRECTLY . . . YES! BUT WE MUST NEVER REVEAL THE REAL TRUTH—IT MUST BE A SCIENTIST'S SECRET.


THIS MATTER CONVERTOR WILL NEVER BE DETECTED BY ANYONE BUT A SCIENTIST.
THE SCIENTISTS PROCEEDED WITH THEIR PLAN—RIGHT UNDER THE GAZE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

ZEPHYRUS WAS TAKEN OUT INTO SPACE, AND A DEMOLITION SQUAD PLACED PROTON CHARGES IN ITS HULL.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AWAITED THE EXPLOSION.

TEN SECONDS—THEN THE INSTRUMENT OF WAR SHALL BE SEEN NO MORE.

EIGHT SECONDS AND COUNTING, SIR.
A MICRO-SECOND BEFORE THE PROTON BOMBS EXPLODE THE ZEPHYRUS WILL BLINK OUT OF SIGHT . . .

. . . AND WE SHALL HAVE HER IN HERE.

4 . . . 3 . . . . 2 . . . . 1 . . . DESTRUCTION SIGNAL SENT.

THERE SHE GOES. GONE FOREVER.

THE SCIENTISTS, BOUND TOGETHER BY THEIR SECRET, BECAME INSULAR. A RULING LINE SPRANG UP AND EACH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HANDED OVER TO HIS SON. AS THE PEOPLE SETTLED DOWN, TECHNOLOGY GREW. THE DESIRE FOR SPACE EXPLORATION BECAME STRONG AGAIN. ALMOST ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER. . .

THE PX1 WILL SOON BE COMPLETED.

SOME RECKON IT WAS A GIANT SPACESHIP THAT BROUGHT OUR FOREFATHERS HERE.

WELL, I'VE HEARD THAT THE COMPUTER BANKS HAVE BEEN SEARCHED, AND NO TRACE HAS BEEN FOUND.

THE SCIENTIFIC BROTHERHOOD ARE MEANT TO KNOW SOMETHING . . .

ANOTHER DISCUSSION WAS TAKING PLACE ELSEWHERE. PRINCE PHOTOS, THE HEAD OF STATE, AND KADAK, THE CHIEF SCIENTIST, WERE DISCUSSING AFFAIRS OF STATE.
WHY WILL YOU NOT CO-OPERATE IN THE BUILDING OF A STARSHIP?
IT IS OUR CODE—NO SPACESHIPS TO BE BUILT. ALL SCIENTISTS HAVE TO SWEAR TO KEEP THE SECRET.

WHAT SECRET?
IF I TOLD YOU IT WOULD NO LONGER BE A SECRET.

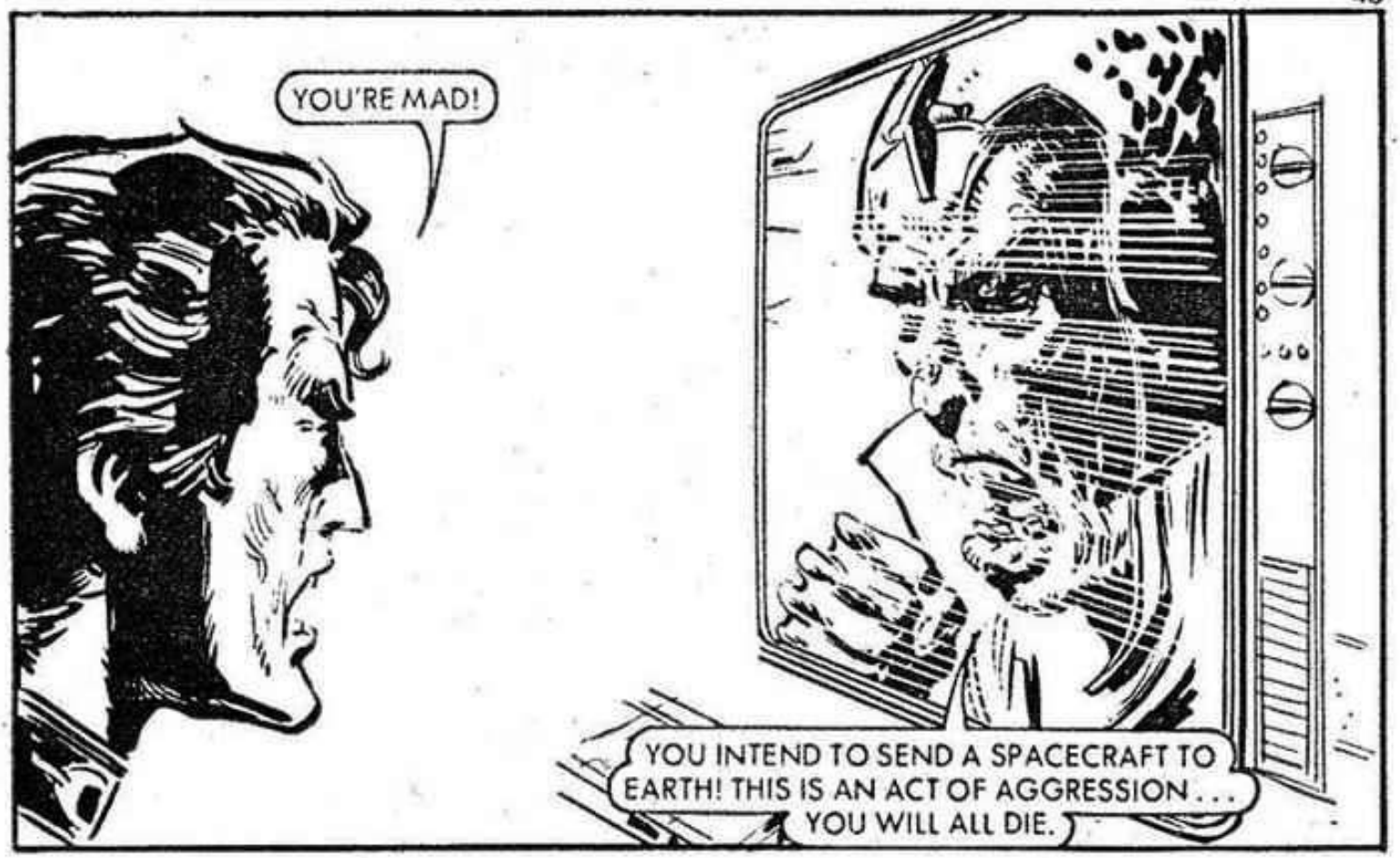
YOU PLAY WITH WORDS. YOU AND YOUR KIND HAVE CREATED A LEGEND TO KEEP YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO YOURSELVES.

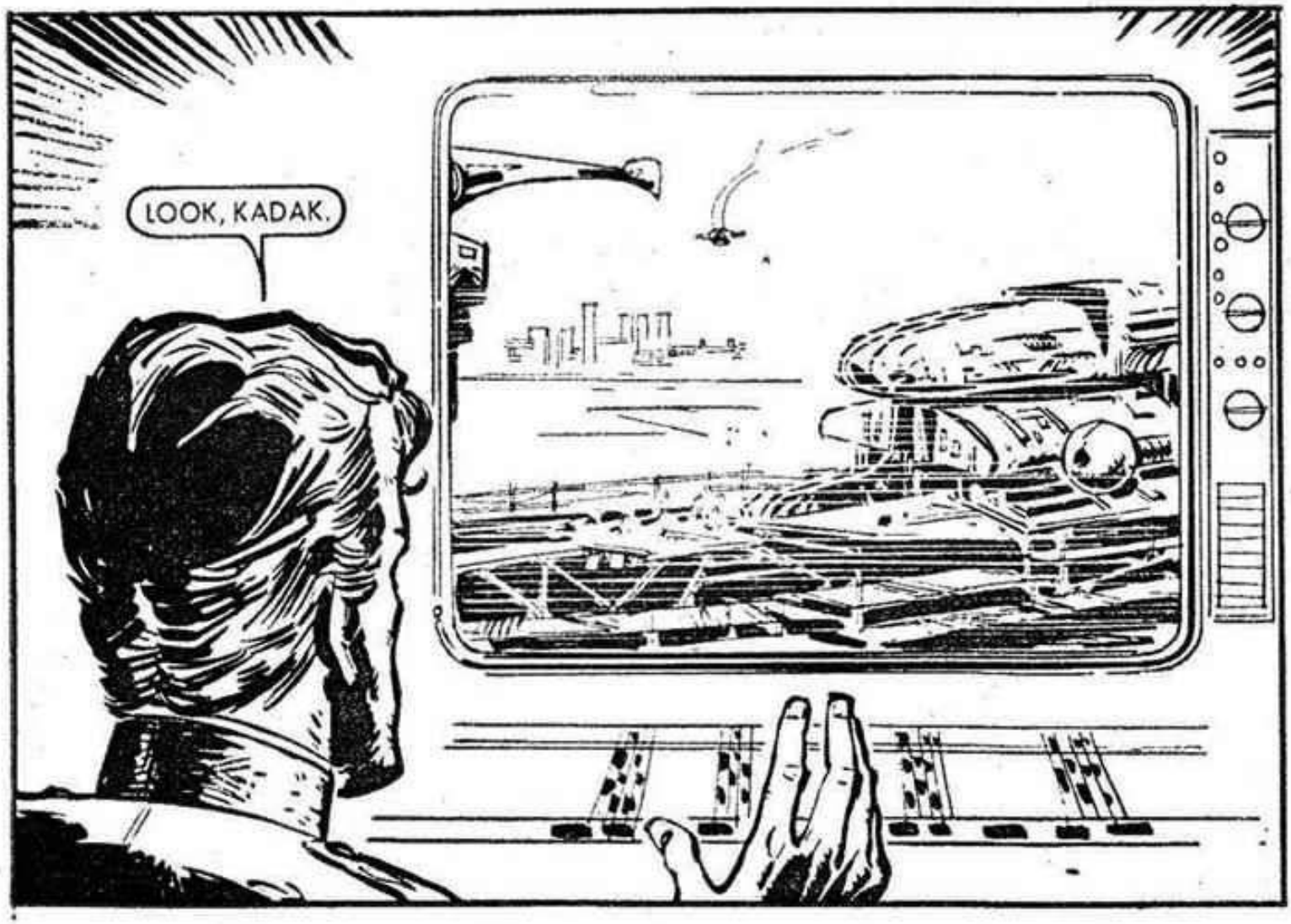
IT IS NO LEGEND. BUT IT IS A SECRET THAT MUST NEVER BE REVEALED. IF IT IS—THAT KNOWLEDGE WILL DESTROY US.

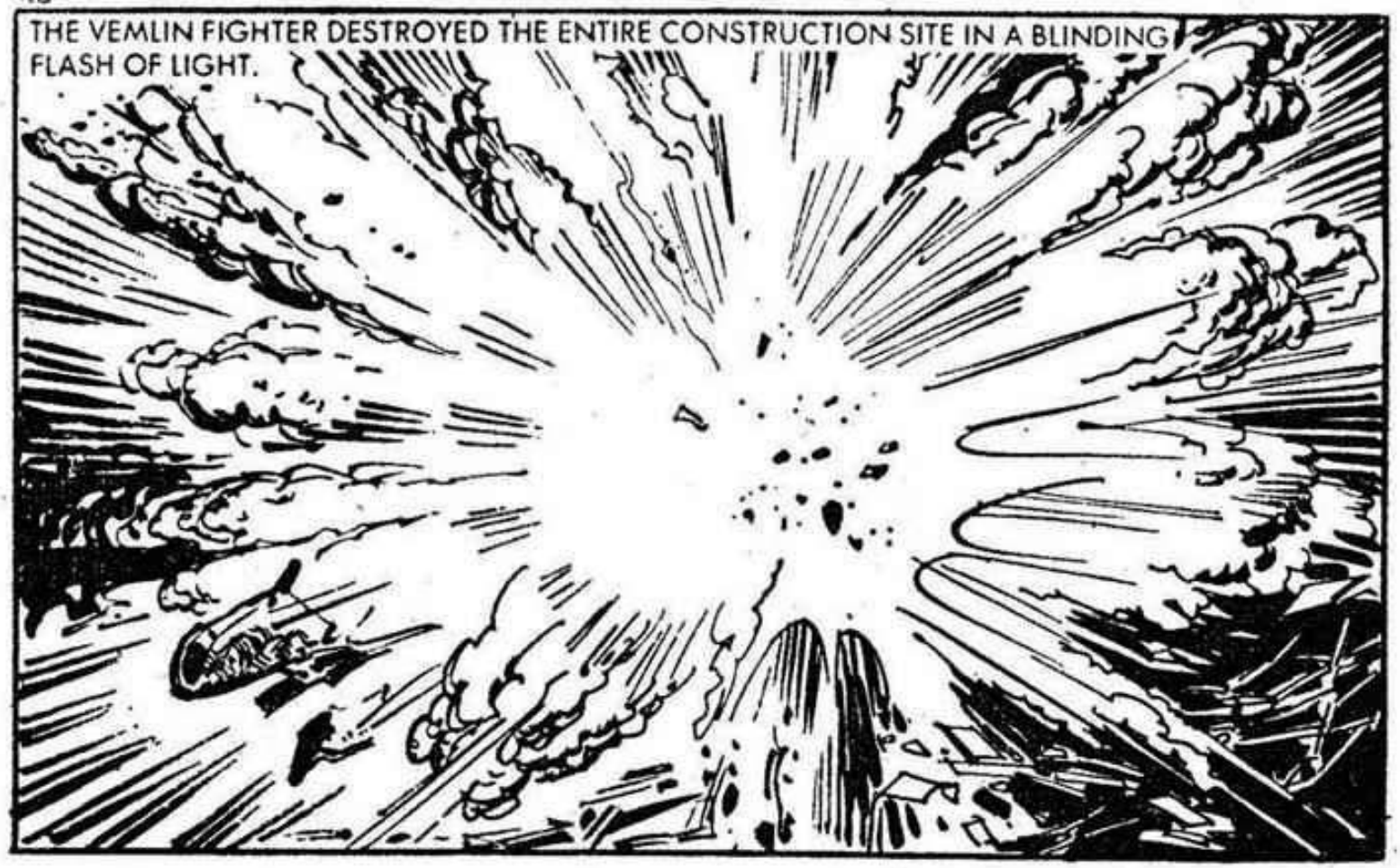
KADAK, I DON'T SEE WHAT ALL YOUR SCIENTIFIC SECRECY HAS TO DO WITH A PROBE BACK TO MOTHER EARTH.

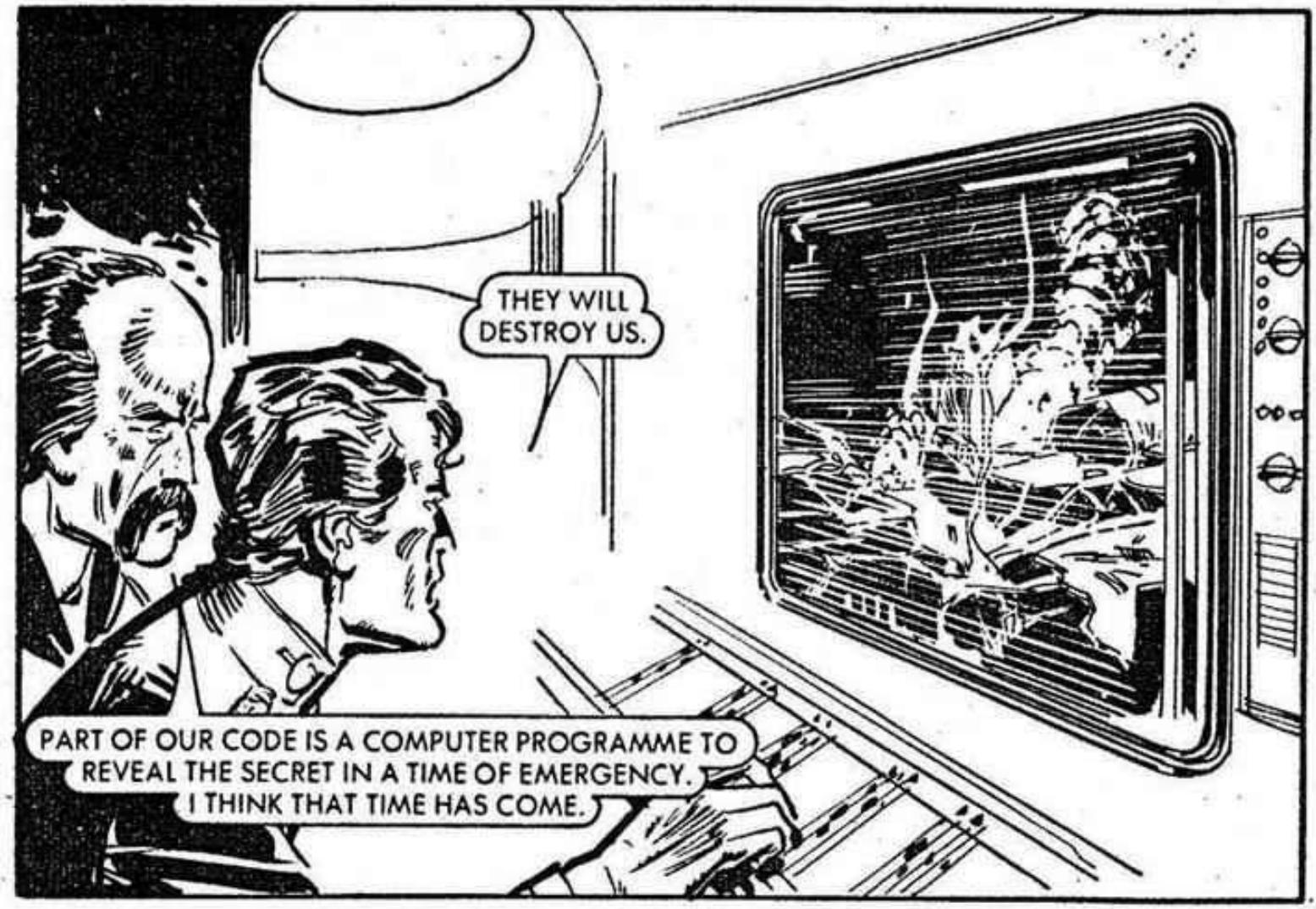
SUDDENLY THE EVIL FACE OF VARRAS APPEARED.
SO YOU DARE TO BUILD ANOTHER SHIP. YOU EARTH PEOPLE WILL NEVER LEARN.

ONCE AGAIN YOU ATTEMPT TO SEND YOUR CRAFT INTO MY GALAXY. I HAVE TOLERATED YOU ON ONE OF MY LESSER PLANETS . . . NOW I SHALL REMOVE YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL.


YOU'RE MAD!
YOU INTEND TO SEND A SPACECRAFT TO EARTH! THIS IS AN ACT OF AGGRESSION . . . YOU WILL ALL DIE.


LOOK, KADAK.

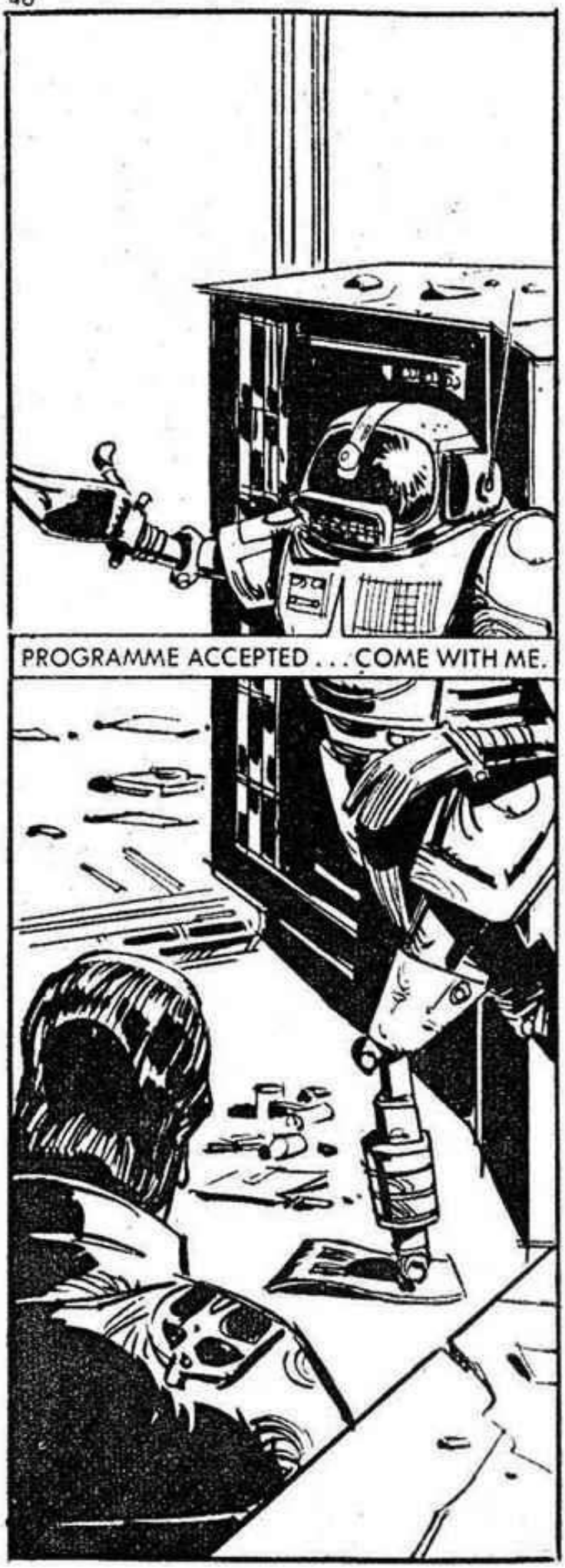

THE VEMLIN FIGHTER DESTROYED THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION SITE IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT.


THEY WILL DESTROY US.
PART OF OUR CODE IS A COMPUTER PROGRAMME TO REVEAL THE SECRET IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY. I THINK THAT TIME HAS COME.

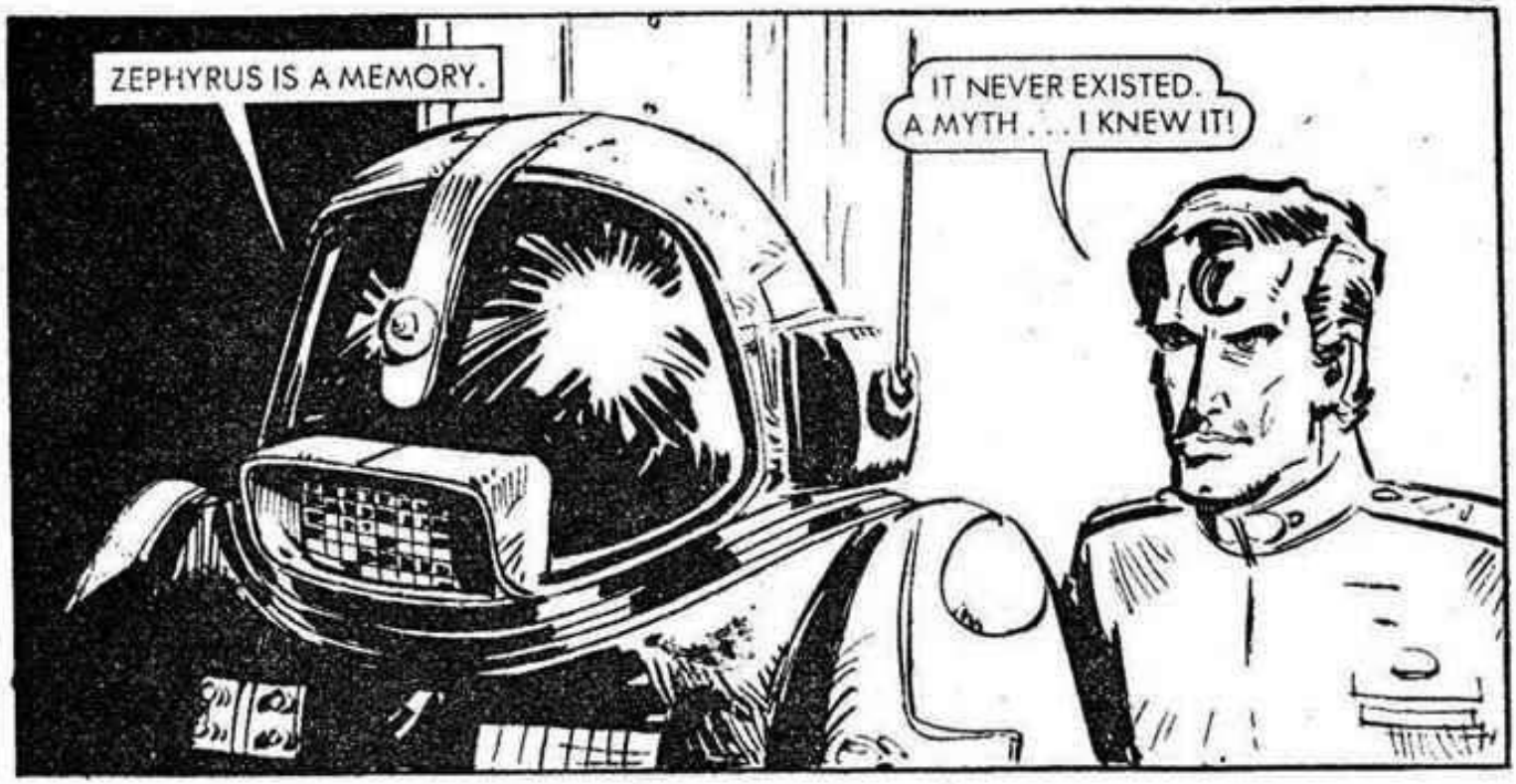
I MUST USE THE PROGRAMME QUICKLY.

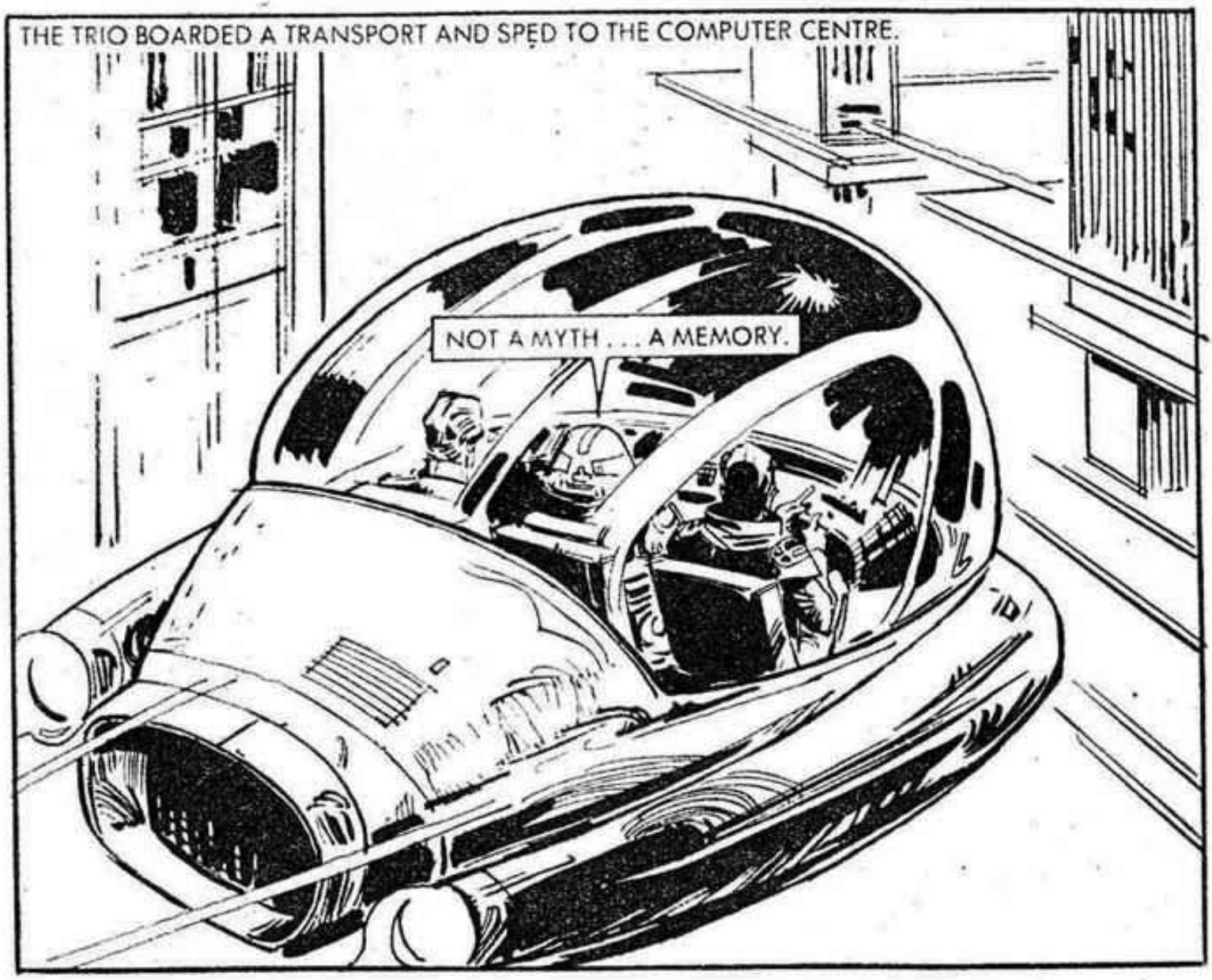
CARSTAIRS!
YES, SIR.
CARSAIRS,
ROBOT CLASS 4.
PROGRAMME 20130...

SO YOU'VE HAD THE SECRET HIDDEN FOR ALL THESE YEARS.


PROGRAMME ACCEPTED . . . COME WITH ME.

I KNEW BOTH YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHERS. YOURS, KADAK, LEFT ME IN CUSTODY OF THE SECRET.
IS THE SECRET TO DO WITH ZEPHYRUS?


ZEPHYRUS IS A MEMORY.
IT NEVER EXISTED. A MYTH . . . I KNEW IT!

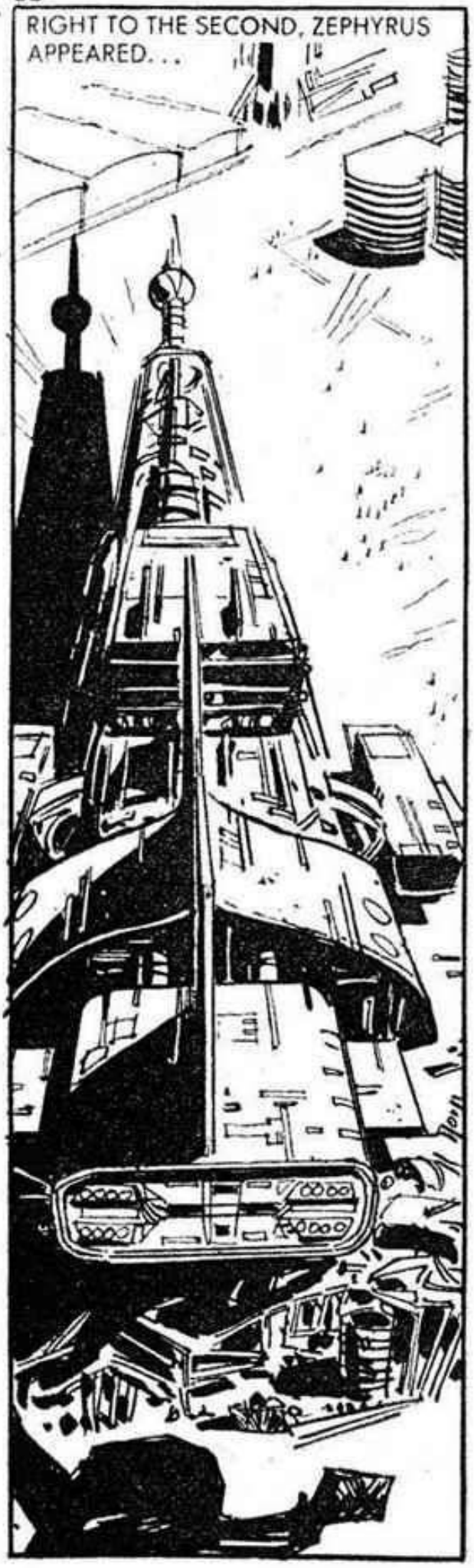

THE TRIO BOARDED A TRANSPORT AND SPED TO THE COMPUTER CENTRE.
NOT A MYTH . . . A MEMORY.

STOP TALKING IN RIDDLES, CARSTAIRS. IF IT EXISTS, WE NEED IT.
THE MATTER CONVERTER WILL . . .

THAT'S IT . . . A MATTER CONVERTER! THE MISSING LINK.

WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON.
WILL YOU BE DINING TONIGHT, SIR? IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER.
CARSTAIRS—SHUT UP!

IN THE COMPUTER CENTRE CARSTAIRS' PROGRAMME WAS RAPIDLY PUNCHED IN.
THE ZEPHYRUS SHOULD APPEAR ON THE LAUNCH-PAD.
TEN SECONDS AND COUNTING.


RIGHT TO THE SECOND, ZEPHYRUS APPEARED...

...JUST AS THE VEMLIN FLEET SWEPT IN FOR ANOTHER STRIKE.
COMING IN FOR ATTACK...NOW!
ONLY ONE RUN MORE WILL BE NEEDED. THEY HAVE NO DEFENCE.

PROTON BOMBS READY!

THE ZEPHYRUS ROSE TO MEET THE VEMLINS.
A WARSHIP?

RETREAT AND REGROUP!

THE ZEPHYRUS RACED AFTER THEM.

THEY'RE RETREATING.

CHASE THEM OUT OF THE GALAXY!

VARRAS THE IMMORTAL WAS MAD WITH ANGER.

THE ZEPHYRUS! THE CRAFT THAT CAUSED ME TROUBLE MANY YEARS AGO.

ONCE AGAIN VARRAS SEEDED A PLANET WITH HIS DEADLY VIRUS. ETURUS V WOULD SOON TURN TO A BARREN DESERT.

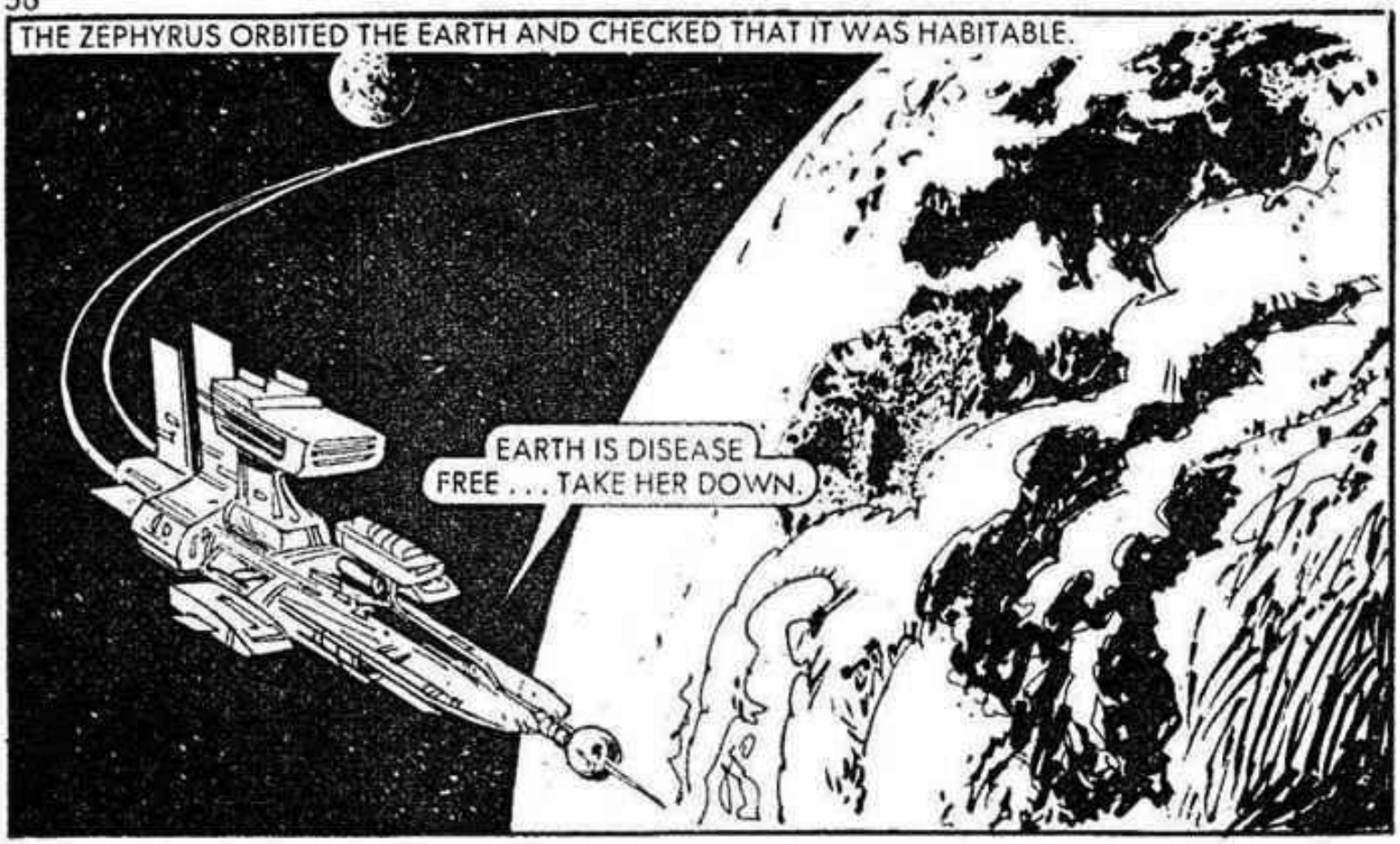
THE VEMLINS HAVE GONE INTO HYPERDRIVE. IT'S NO USE FOLLOWING.

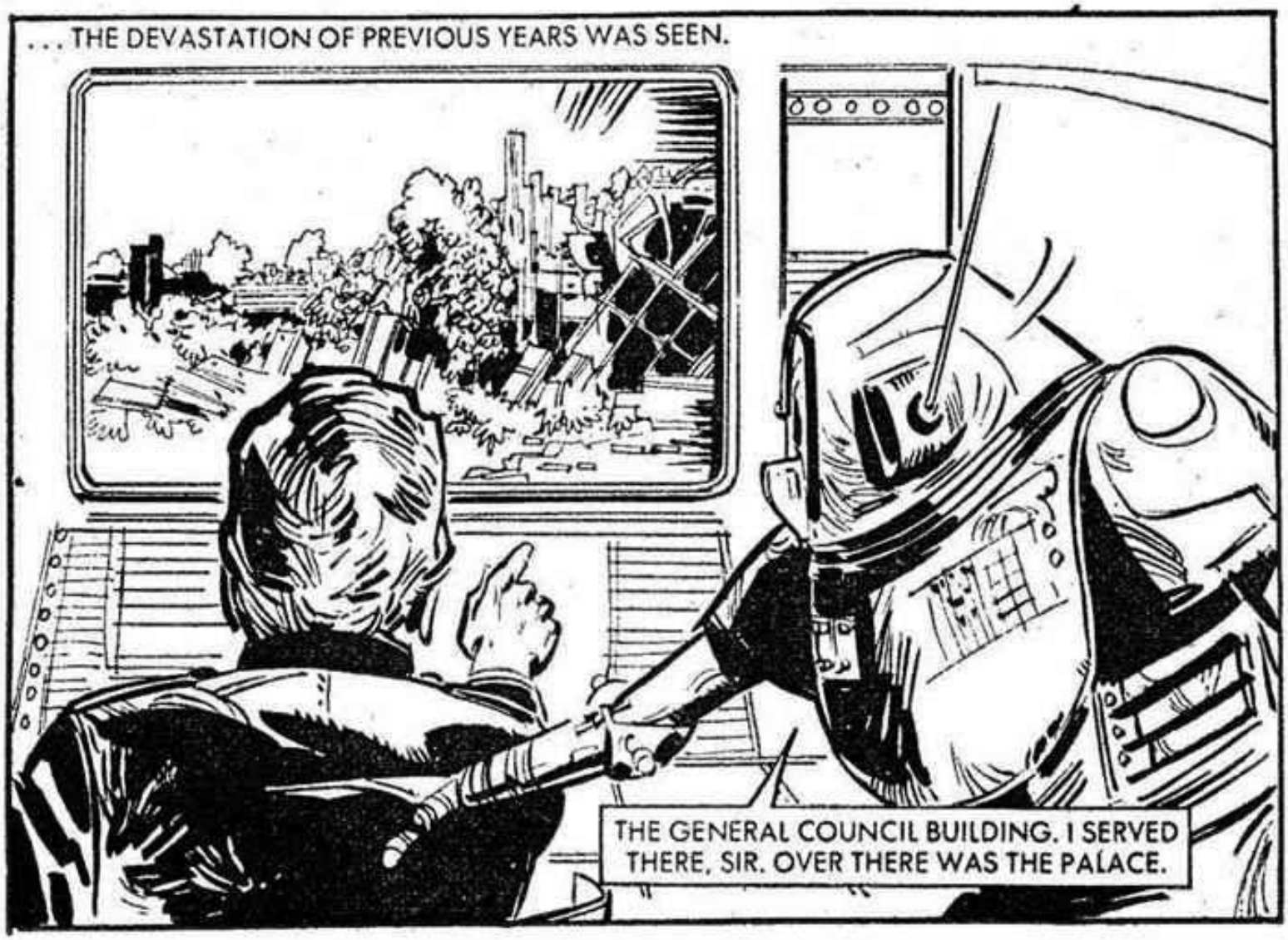
I'D LIKE TO ORGANISE THE RETURN TO EARTH. PREPARE TO LAND AND EVACUATE SURVIVORS FROM ETURUS V.

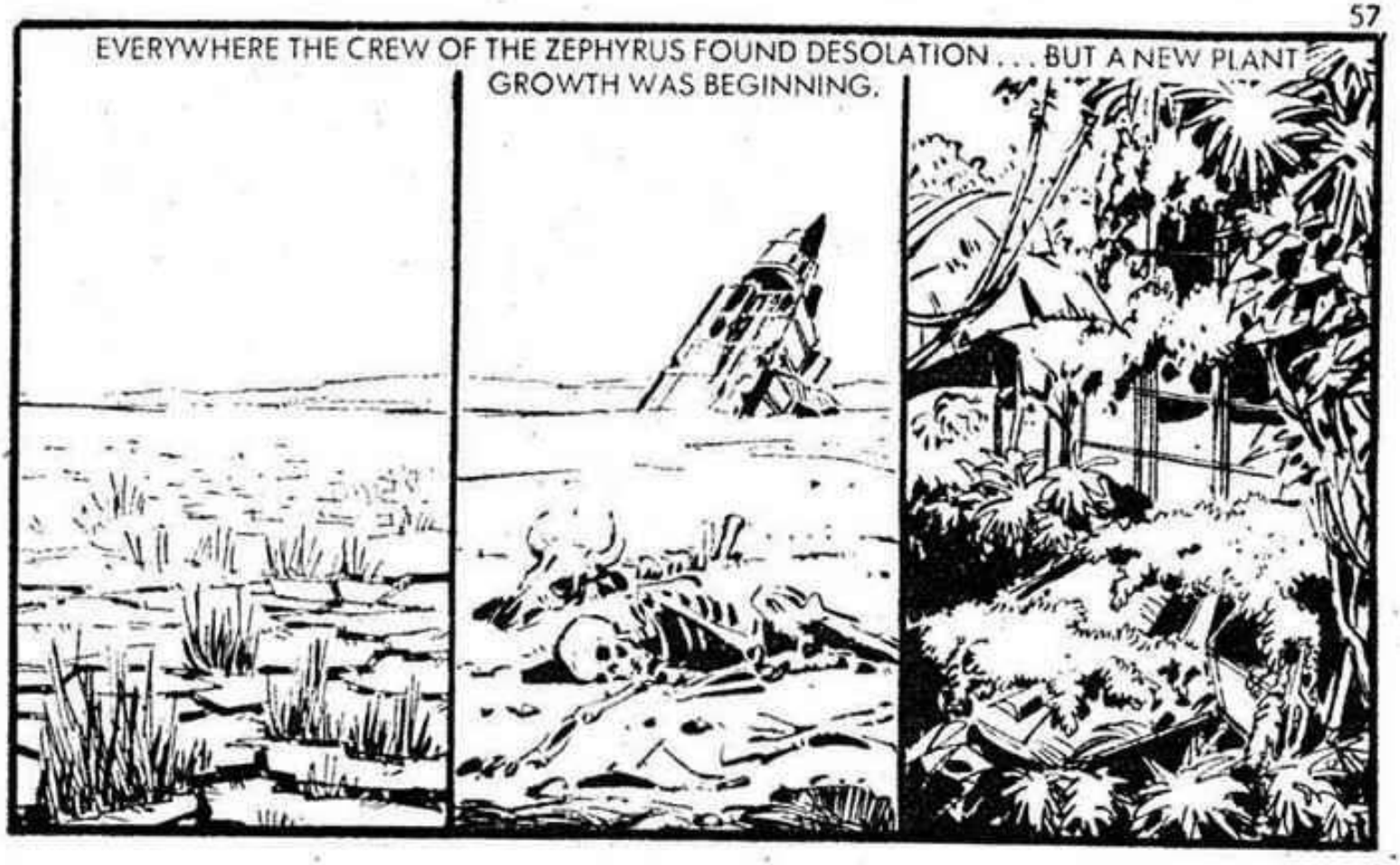
THE VEMLINS DISENGAGED AT A RATHER OPPORTUNE MOMENT—YOUR GRANDFATHER ALWAYS TOOK TEA AT THIS HOUR, SIR.

ONCE AGAIN, THE ZEPHYRUS WAS THE LAST HOPE OF EARTH'S SURVIVORS AS IT SPED ON THE LONG JOURNEY TO EARTH.

PREPARE FOR EARTH ORBIT.


THE ZEPHYRUS ORBITED THE EARTH AND CHECKED THAT IT WAS HABITABLE.
EARTH IS DISEASE FREE . . . TAKE HER DOWN.


. . . THE DEVASTATION OF PREVIOUS YEARS WAS SEEN.
THE GENERAL COUNCIL BUILDING. I SERVED THERE, SIR. OVER THERE WAS THE PALACE.

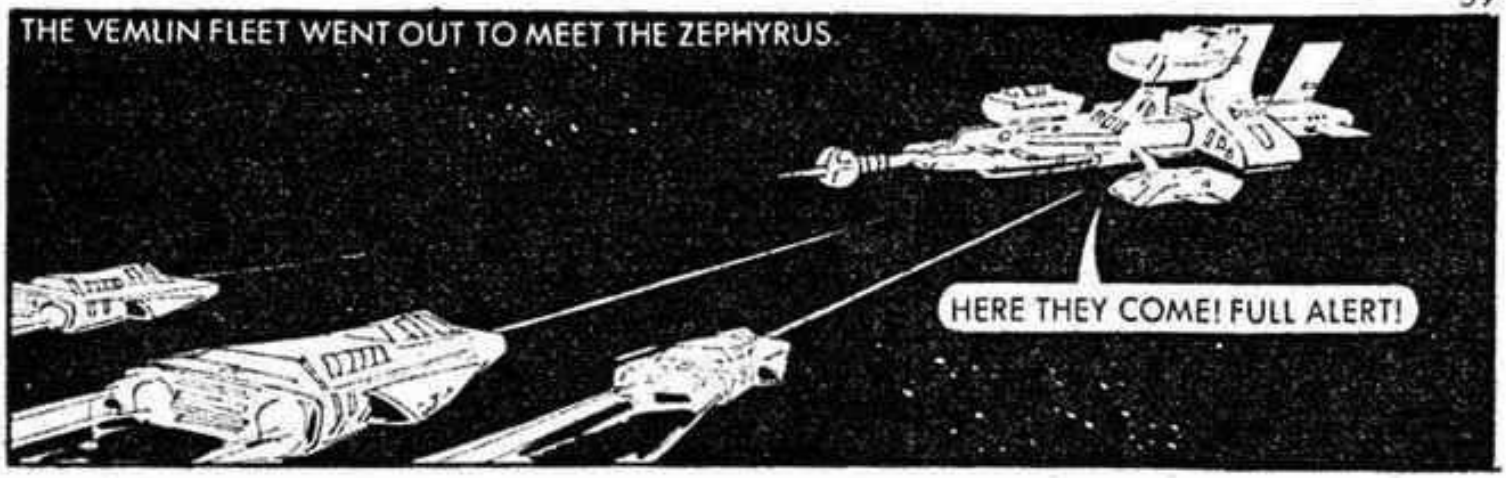

EVERYWHERE THE CREW OF THE ZEPHYRUS FOUND DESOLATION . . . BUT A NEW PLANT GROWTH WAS BEGINNING.

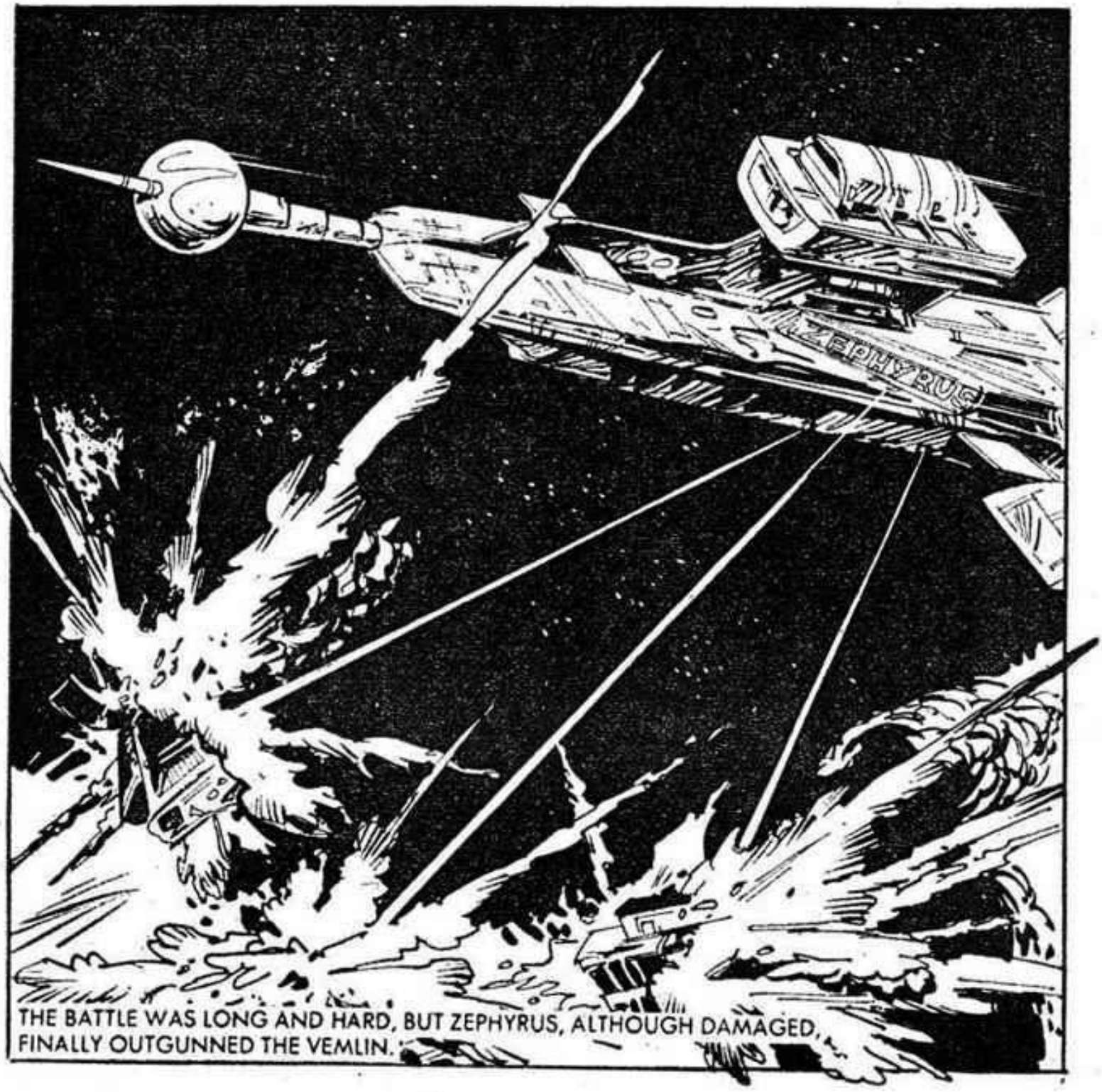
EARTH WILL FLOURISH ONCE MORE.
WHAT EXACTLY WAS ZEPHYRUS BUILT FOR, CARSTAIRS?

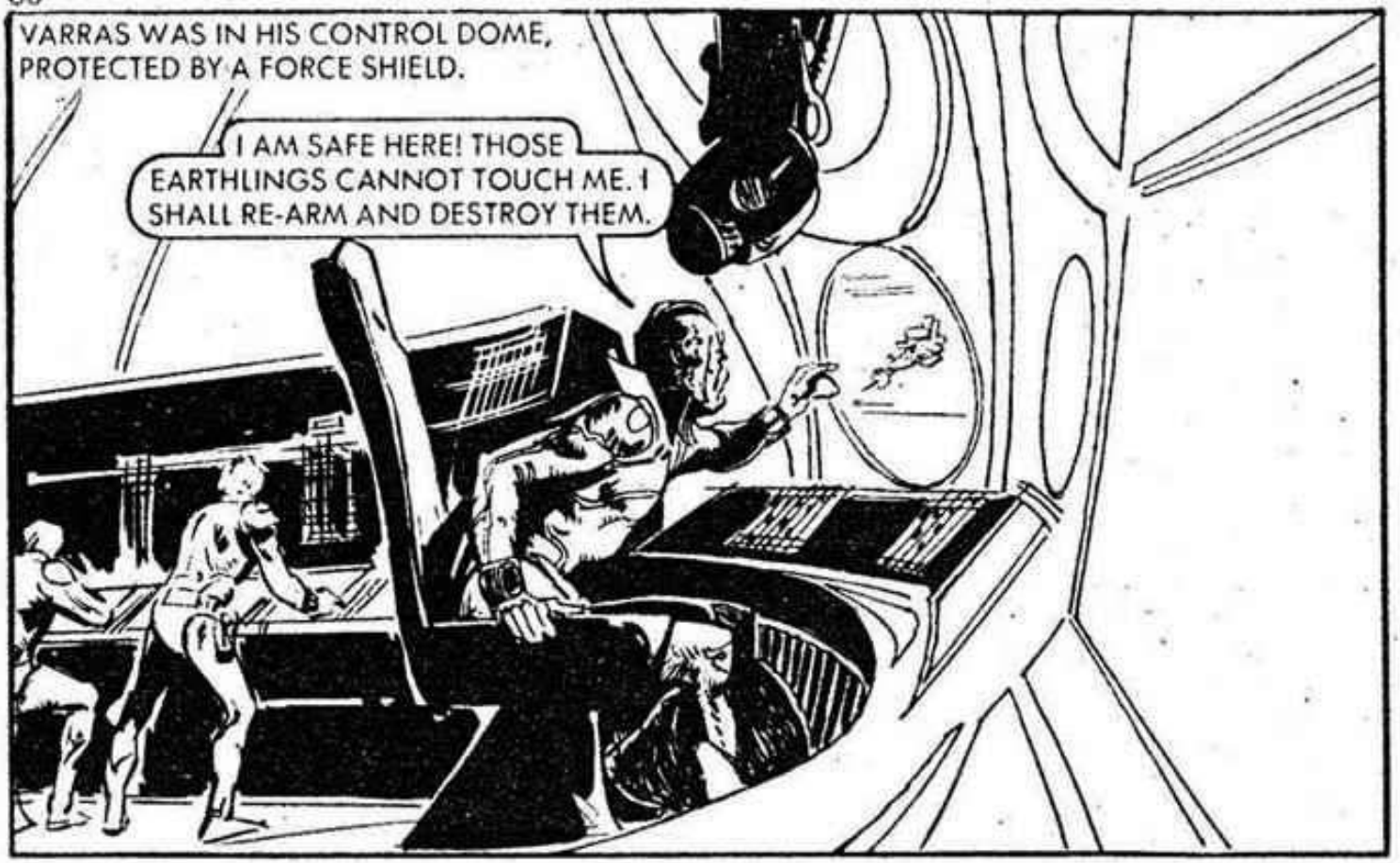
TO REACH THE STARS AND ESTABLISH PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH OTHER RACES. THE VEMLINS RESENTED OUR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE AND DESTROYED EARTH LIFE IN RETALIATION.
OUR ONLY HOPE OF SURVIVAL IS THEIR DESTRUCTION.

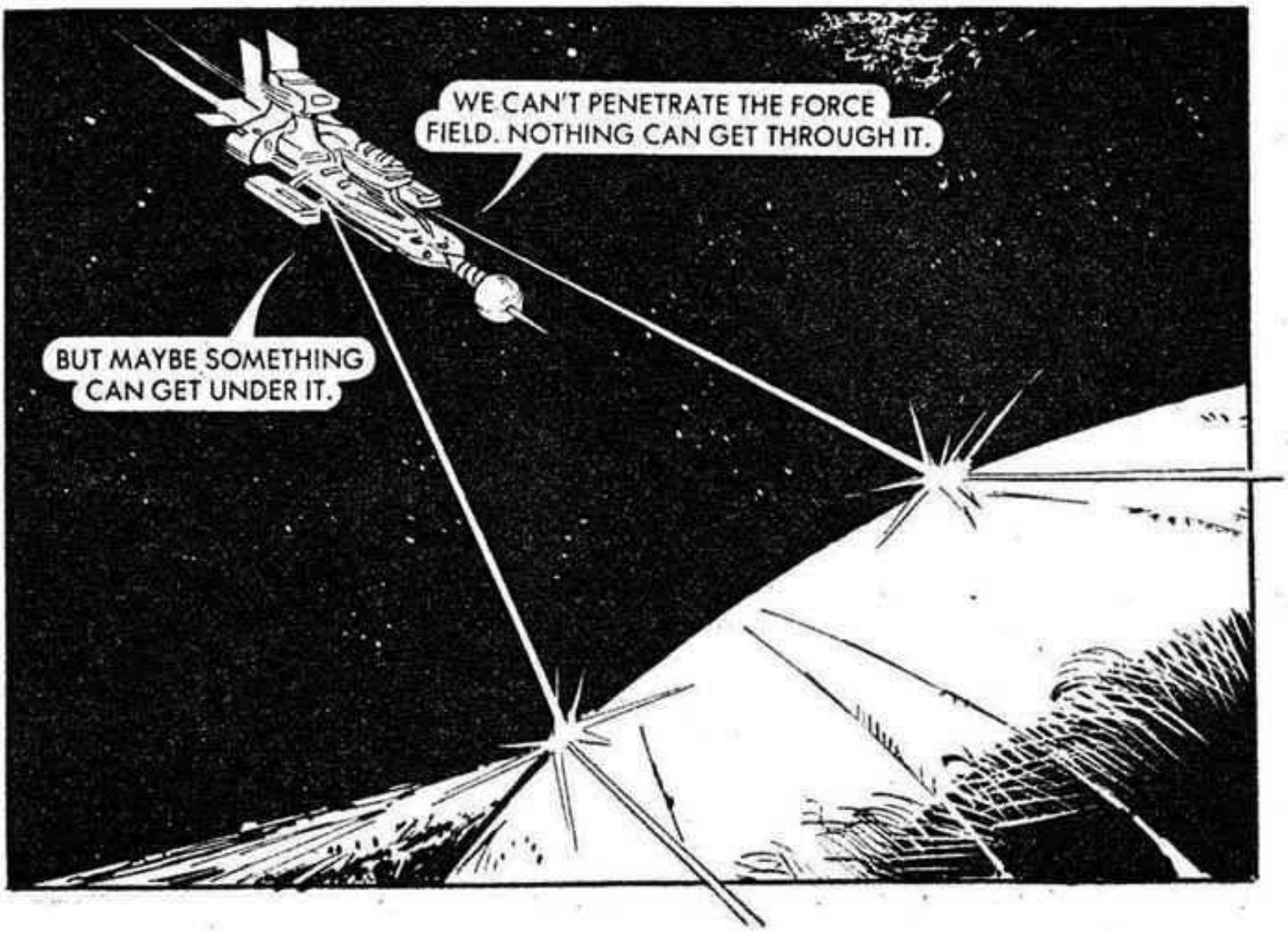
I AGREE, SIR, THAT THE VEMLIN BASE MUST BE ELIMINATED BEFORE WE CAN LIVE IN PEACE.

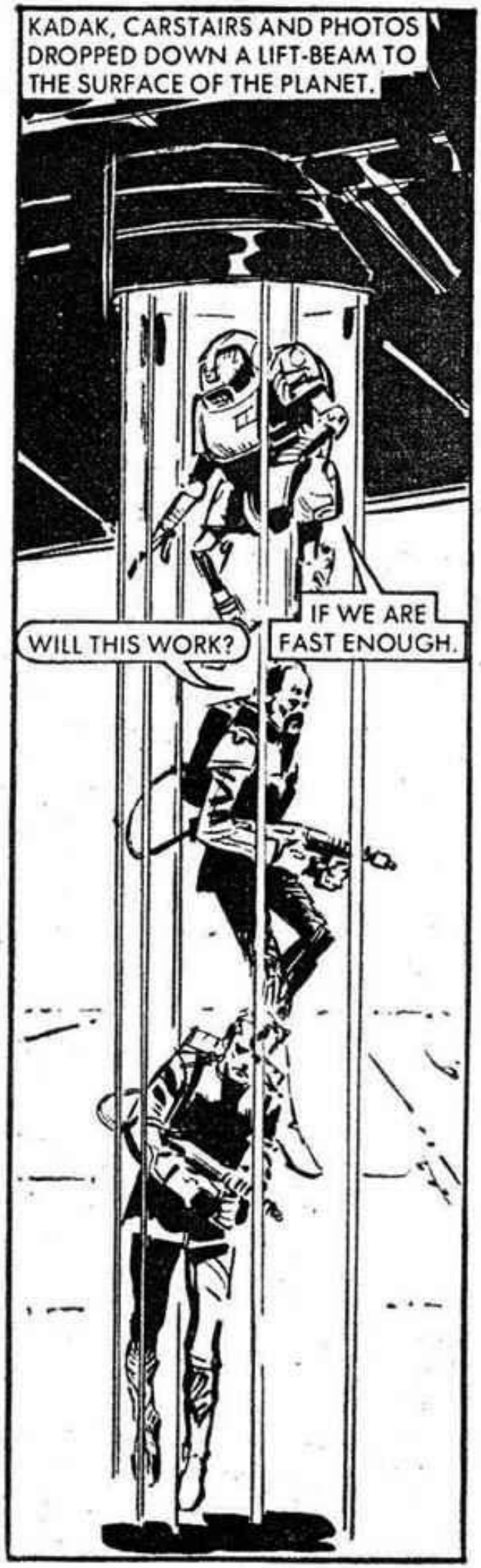
MANY LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM EARTH—
THE EARTHLINGS WILL ATTACK US HERE. IS THE FLEET READY?
THE ZEPHYRUS IS HERE! IT IS WITHIN OUR SYSTEM!


THE VEMLIN FLEET WENT OUT TO MEET THE ZEPHYRUS.
HERE THEY COME! FULL ALERT!

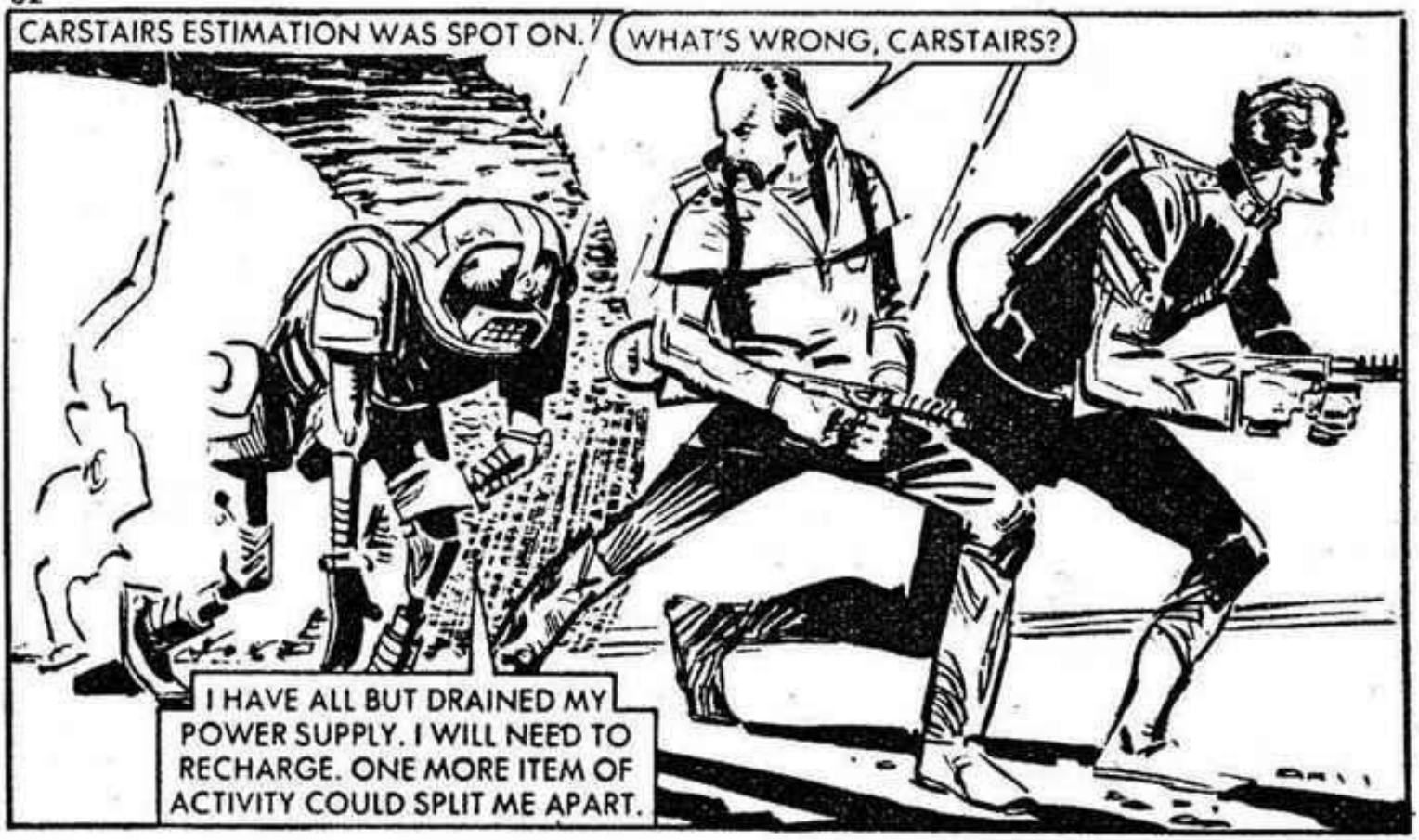

ZEPHYRUS
THE BATTLE WAS LONG AND HARD, BUT ZEPHYRUS, ALTHOUGH DAMAGED, FINALLY OUTGUNNED THE VEMLIN.

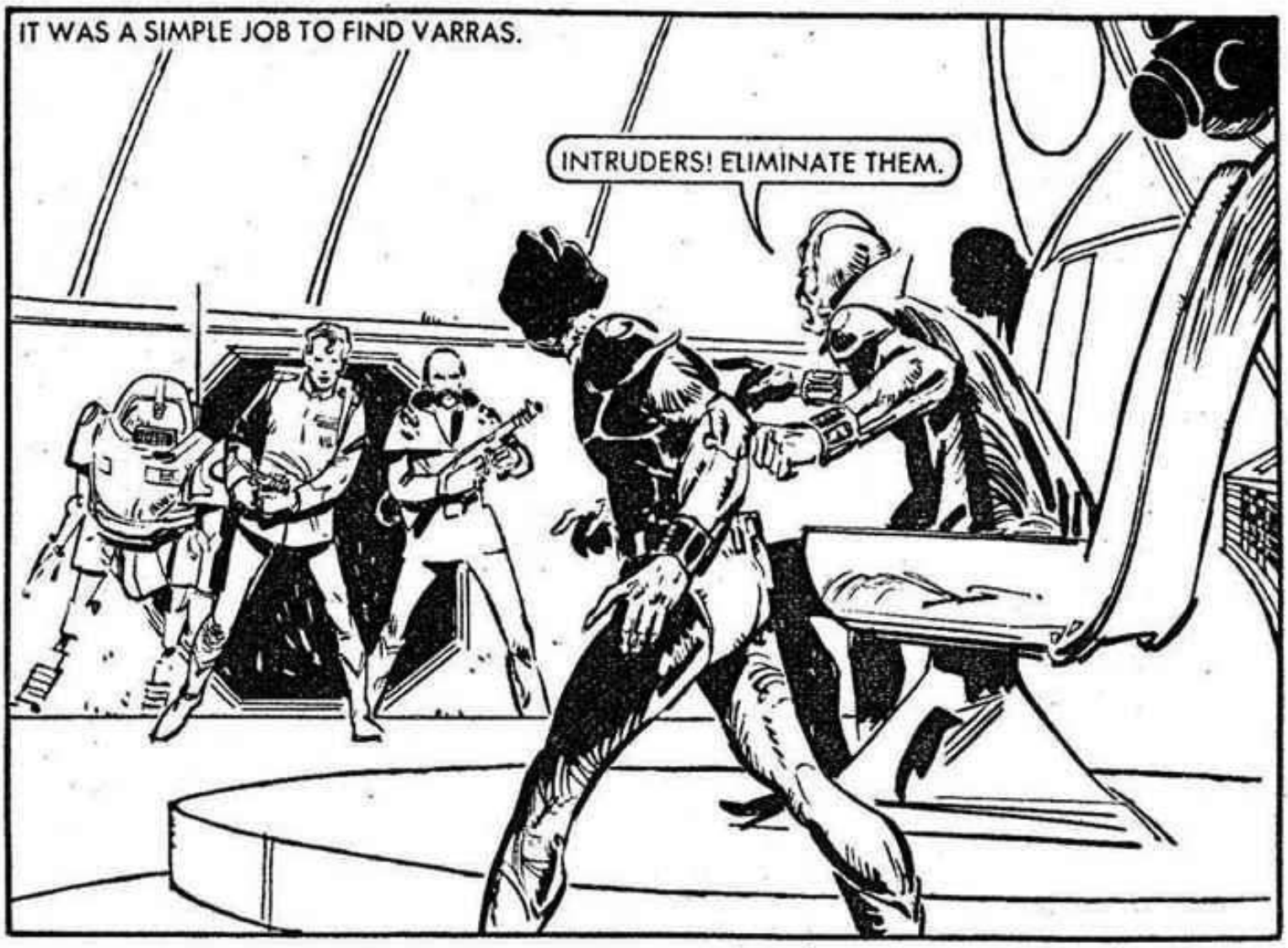

VARRAS WAS IN HIS CONTROL DOME, PROTECTED BY A FORCE SHIELD.
I AM SAFE HERE! THOSE EARTHLINGS CANNOT TOUCH ME. I SHALL RE-ARM AND DESTROY THEM.


WE CAN'T PENETRATE THE FORCE FIELD. NOTHING CAN GET THROUGH IT.
BUT MAYBE SOMETHING CAN GET UNDER IT.


KADAK, CARSTAIRS AND PHOTOS DROPPED DOWN A LIFT-BEAM TO THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET.
WILL THIS WORK?
IF WE ARE FAST ENOUGH.

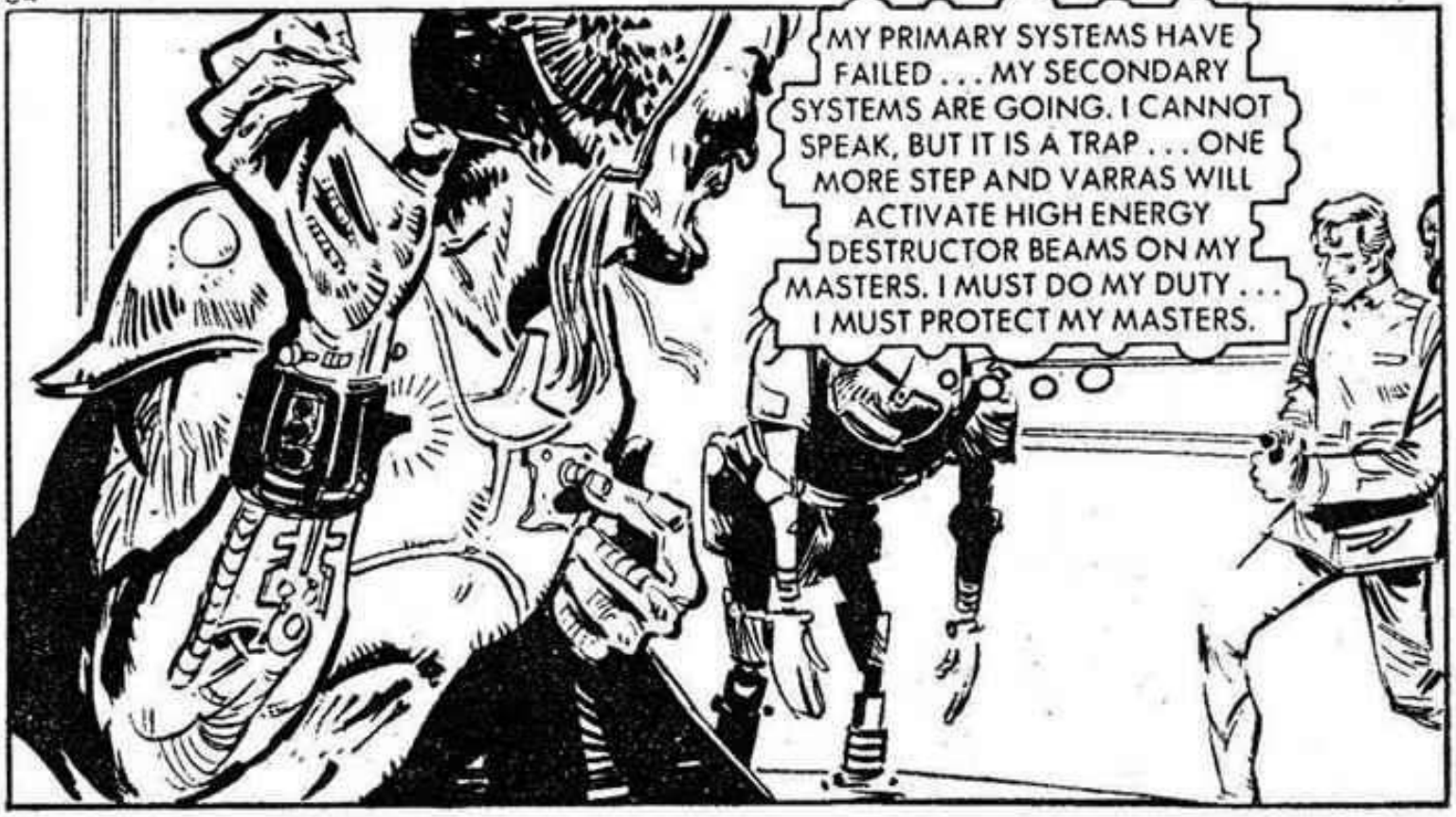
THIS WILL TAKE 17.3 MINUTES TO BURN THROUGH THIS WALL. PLEASE ENSURE THAT I AM NOT DETECTED OTHERWISE WE SHALL BE LIQUIDATED BY VARRAS.

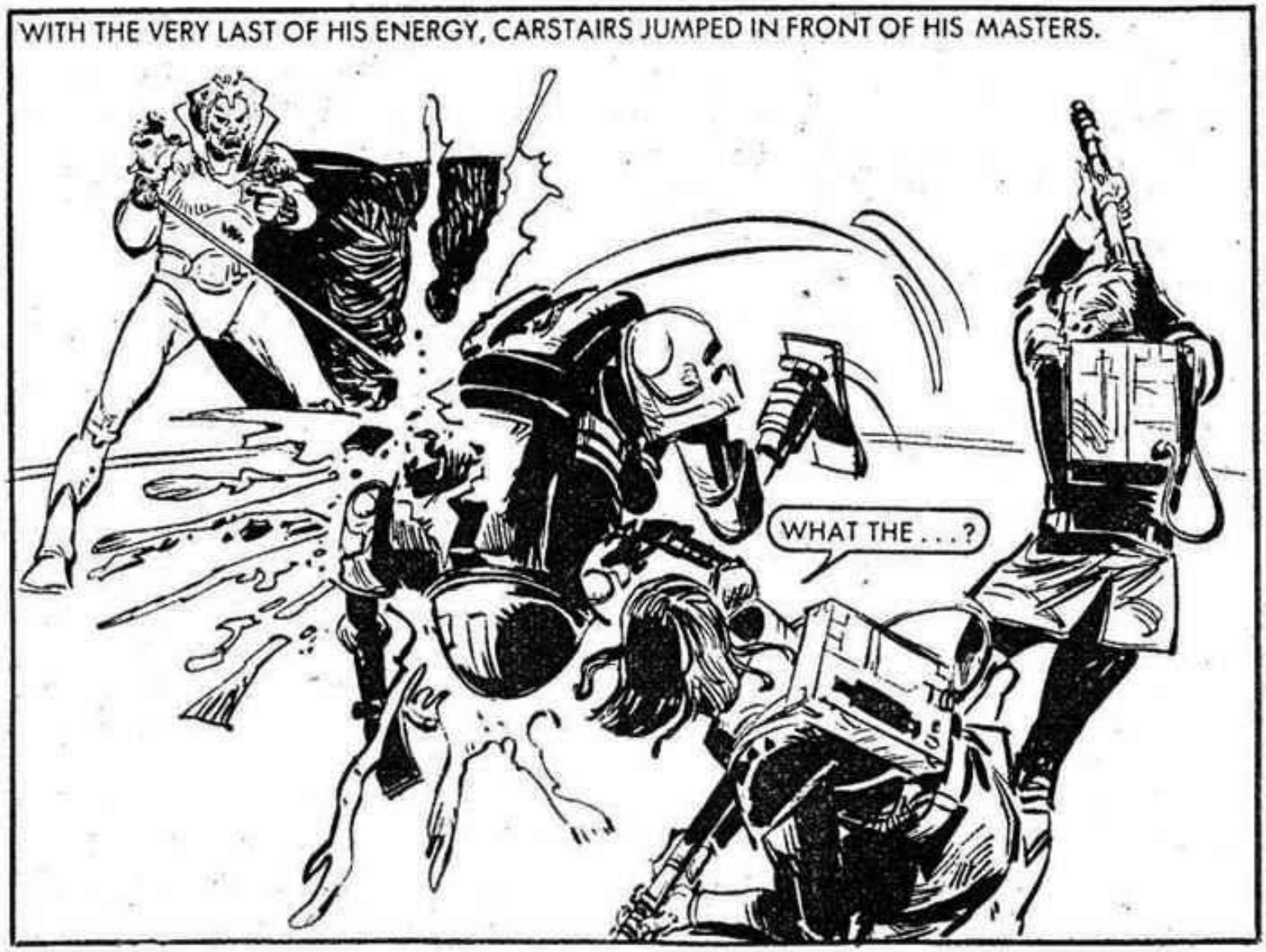

CARSTAIRS ESTIMATION WAS SPOT ON.
WHAT'S WRONG, CARSTAIRS?
I HAVE ALL BUT DRAINED MY POWER SUPPLY. I WILL NEED TO RECHARGE. ONE MORE ITEM OF ACTIVITY COULD SPLIT ME APART.


IT WAS A SIMPLE JOB TO FIND VARRAS.
INTRUDERS! ELIMINATE THEM.

A SHORT BURST OF LASER FIRE LEFT VARRAS ON HIS OWN.

SURRENDER, VEMLIN . . .
TO YOU . . . NEVER. I AM PROTECTED BY MY OWN FORCE SHIELD.
SIR . . . DO . . . NOT . . .


MY PRIMARY SYSTEMS HAVE FAILED . . . MY SECONDARY SYSTEMS ARE GOING. I CANNOT SPEAK, BUT IT IS A TRAP . . . ONE MORE STEP AND VARRAS WILL ACTIVATE HIGH ENERGY DESTRUCTOR BEAMS ON MY MASTERS. I MUST DO MY DUTY . . . I MUST PROTECT MY MASTERS.


WITH THE VERY LAST OF HIS ENERGY, CARSTAIRS JUMPED IN FRONT OF HIS MASTERS.
WHAT THE . . . ?

TO FIRE HIS DESTRUCTOR BEAM VARRAS HAD TO LOWER HIS FORCEFIELD. KADAK AND PHOTOS TOOK INSTANT ADVANTAGE.

DIE . . . MURDERER . . .

SO VARRAS WAS A CYBORG. HIS EVIL BRAIN KEPT ALIVE BY A MECHANICAL BODY.

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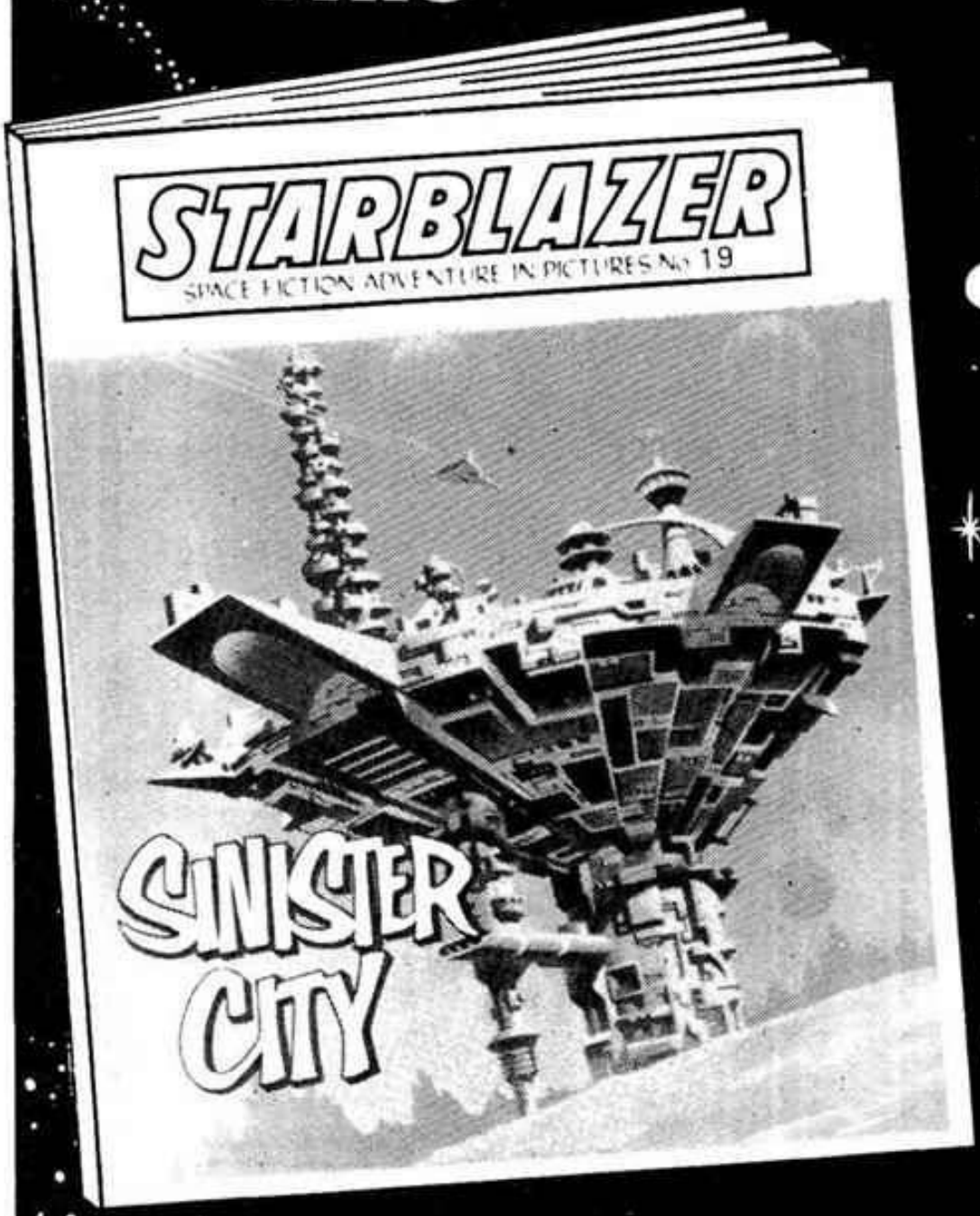

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On 18th March 1965, the Russians launched a two man spacecraft called Voskhod 2. During Voskhod's second orbit the co-pilot, Alexei Leonov, climbed through an air lock tunnel and opened a hatch. He slowly emerged into the eerie void of space. He spent ten minutes walking in space becoming the first man to do so.